



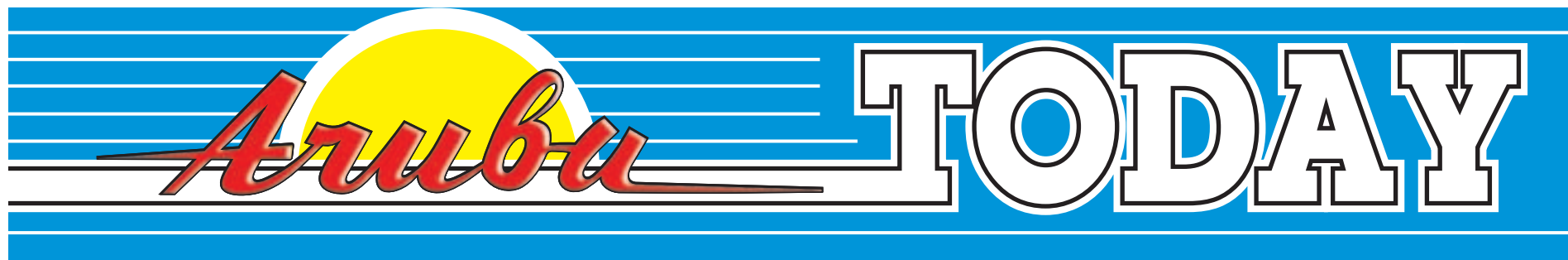
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## US Finally Regains Jobs Lost In the Recession

John Wooten places pistons into the new 2.7 Liter Eco-Boost engine for the 2015 F-150 while working on the assembly line at the Lima Ford Engine Plant on Friday, March 28, 2014 in Lima, Ohio. Ford says it will invest \$500 million and add 300 jobs at its engine plant in northwestern Ohio so that it can begin making a new V-6 engine. The government issued a milestone March jobs report on Friday, April 4, 2014.

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**C. S. RUGABER**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. economy has reached a milestone: It has finally regained all the private-sector jobs it lost during the Great Recession. Yet it took a painfully slow six years, and unemployment remains stubbornly high at 6.7 percent.

The comeback figures were contained in a government report Friday that showed a solid if unspectacular month of job growth in March. Businesses and nonprofits shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-09 recession; they have since hired 8.9 million. But because the population has grown since the

big downturn, most analysts were hardly celebrating the milestone. Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute, called it a "pretty meaningless benchmark economically." "The potential labor force is growing all the time, so the private sector should have added millions of jobs over

the last six-plus years," she said. U.S. employers did add a seasonally adjusted 192,000 jobs in March, just below February's 197,000, which was revised higher. March's figure nearly matched last year's average monthly gain, suggesting that the economy has recovered from the hiring slowdown

caused by severe weather in December and January. "We're seeing sustained improvement," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "But we're not really that much stronger than we were last year."

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# Venezuelan opposition leader formally charged

**FABIOLA SANCHEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez was formally charged Friday with inciting violence at an anti-government protest that has been followed by weeks of unrest across Venezuela. Chief prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz announced the charges a day before the legal deadline to make the case for keeping Lopez in custody. The Harvard-educated Lopez has become a cause celebre among opponents of President Nicolas Maduro during the month and a half he has spent in a military prison outside the capital.

Lopez's Popular Will party responded with what it said would be a 24-hour protest to demand his freedom. Protesters gathered at the same plaza where the 42-year-old former mayor dramatically surrendered to authorities on Feb. 18 surrounded by a sea of supporters. Lopez's wife helped lead the rally that began Friday afternoon. The protest remained peaceful as night fell, with hundreds of police looking on.

The U.S. Embassy put out a release mentioning the rally and advising Americans to avoid protests and large gatherings and urging them to stay inside after nightfall.

The unrest has caused at

least 39 deaths, including both anti- and pro-government activists as well as bystanders, according to official figures. Most of the deaths happened since Lopez was arrested.

Prosecutors say Lopez was behind the deadly violence that followed a peaceful march Feb. 12, saying he encouraged followers to set fire to and destroy public buildings. Maduro accused him of being the visible face of a U.S.-backed "fascist" conspiracy to topple his year-old administration.

If found guilty, Lopez could serve nearly 14 years in prison. It would be by far the longest sentence for an opposition leader since the

protests began. The country's high court sent two opposition mayors to jail last month for failing to remove road barricades put up by anti-government activists. One mayor was sentenced to a year while the other got 10 months.

Critics of Maduro's socialist administration say the charismatic Lopez is being held on trumped-up charges. Courts have denied his request to be freed ahead of his trial.

Speaking in Caracas on Friday, Maduro said he would continue to take preventive action against those who plot his overthrow.

"Those who try to topple the government are prisoners now," he said. □

## Heineken will invest \$100M in Haiti brewery

**TRENTON DANIEL**  
**Associated Press**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— The Dutch brewer Heineken announced Friday that it is investing \$100 million in its Haiti production plant that makes the popular lager Prestige.

The relatively large investment is significant because many international companies have been reluctant to spend money in Haiti because of a business climate hampered by red tape, allegations of corruption and a flimsy infrastructure.

But Jose Matthijsse, general director of the National Brewery of Haiti that Heineken owns, said the Dutch company is eager to invest more in the Caribbean country because political stability and cooperation have improved under the current government.

Heineken purchased the Haitian brewery in 2011, and owns 95 percent of the company that produces Prestige. The remaining 5 percent is held by Diageo Ireland, the company that makes Guinness stout. About one-fifth of the new investment has already gone toward construction of a second 24,300-square-foot (2,260) production line that opened December in the same facility in Port-au-Prince. The addition will allow the brewery to double output, for 40,000 more cases of Prestige and other beverages produced every day.

The new production line has also enabled the brewery to introduce a 16-ounce bottle of Prestige.

The rest of the investment will be used to further increase lager production, manufacture more bottles and to purchase items such as trucks and generators.

The brewery has long been limited in how much lager it produces by the number of the signature amber-hued bottles available at any one time. □



A poster of jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez leads a protest to demand his freedom, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, April 4, 2014. The poster reads in Spanish "He who gets tired loses". Lopez was formally charged Friday for allegedly inciting violence at an anti-government protest that kicked off weeks of unrest across Venezuela. The Harvard-educated Lopez has become a cause celebre among opponents of President Nicolas Maduro during the month and a half he has spent in a military prison outside the capital.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

## Mosquito-borne virus arrives in Dominican Republic

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)**

— Health authorities in the Dominican Republic have reported the first outbreak of a mosquito-borne virus that has spread quickly in the Caribbean in the weeks

since it was first detected in the region. Health Minister Freddy Hidalgo says blood samples analyzed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control confirmed the first cases in the country of the virus known as chikungunya.

Health officials said Friday that 150-200 cases have been treated for symptoms since the first incidence was detected March 22. Most were in and around the town of Nigua, west of the capital. Chikungunya is found mainly in Africa and Asia. It is rarely fatal but can cause fever, rash, fatigue and intense muscle and joint pain. The first Caribbean cases were detected in December in French St. Martin. □



# States revolt against powerful new painkiller



Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin speaks at the Statehouse in Montpelier, Vt. On Thursday, April 3, 2014, Shumlin announced an emergency order that would make it harder for physicians to prescribe a new class of drugs that includes Zohydro. Many feel the extended-release pill is prone to abuse, because it's not tamper resistant and contains up to five times more of the narcotic hydrocodone than previously available in other pills. (AP Photo/Andy Duback)

BETH GARBITELLI  
Associated Press

**BARRE, Vermont (AP)** — State officials fighting a well-publicized battle against heroin and prescription drug abuse are revolting against a powerful new painkiller that law enforcement and public health officials fear could worsen an already acute drug problem. On Thursday, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin announced an emergency order that would make it harder for physicians to prescribe a new class of drugs that includes Zohydro. Many feel the extended-release pill is prone to abuse, because it's not tamper resistant and contains up to five times more of the narcotic hydrocodone than previously available in other pills. The Food and Drug Administration approved the drug last fall and it hit the market last month. Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the U.S. with more than 4.5 million Americans abusing pain reliev-

ers, according to a 2013 Drug Enforcement Administration report. Law enforcement and public health officials say for many people, prescription painkiller abuse can pave the way to heroin addiction. In January, Shumlin devoted the bulk of his State of the State address to Vermont's "full blown heroin crisis." Shumlin didn't go as far as Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who last week ordered an outright ban on prescribing and dispensing Zohydro until it is marketed in a form that is difficult to abuse. But Shumlin and Vermont Health Commissioner Dr. Harry Chen both questioned the FDA approval. "It's not like we don't have painkillers in America," Shumlin said. "So you know, we're just saying 'Hey, we understand we don't control the FDA, but we do have some influence in Vermont,'" he said. The backlash against Zohydro has been growing since last year, when the FDA approved the drug

against the recommendation of an internal advisory committee. Late last year, 28 state attorneys general signed a letter asking the FDA to revoke the drug's approval or require the manufacturer to reformulate the drug so it is more difficult for abusers to crush for snorting or injection. U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and Rep. Stephen Lynch introduced legislation that would compel the FDA to withdraw the drug. Zohydro belongs to a family of medicines known as opiates or opioids. Others include morphine, heroin and oxycodone, the painkiller in OxyContin. Its painkilling power comes from hydrocodone. Other

medications, such as Vicodin, contain the same narcotic but also include acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol. San Diego-based Zogenix, which makes Zohydro, said the drug is no more potent, per milligram, than other hydrocodone medications. The company also said it set up a board of experts to guard against abuse and that its sales representatives are not being paid based on the volume, but rather on their efforts to ensure prescribers, pharmacists and patients understand the medication's risks and benefits. The FDA said Zohydro meets its standards and provides an important treatment option for patients with

chronic pain. The agency, which in 2010 approved a crush-resistant version of OxyContin to try to discourage abuse, also points out that abuse-deterrent formulations of Zohydro are in the early stages of development. Shumlin said he chose strict regulation over an outright ban, at least in part to avoid what could be expensive litigation. "I expect that Massachusetts is likely to confront that and we really wanted to get something done quickly," Shumlin said. Vermont's emergency rule to prescribe Zohydro includes requirements that prescribers conduct a thorough medical evaluation and risk assessment. □

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## For many Republican incumbents, challenge from right fizzles

JONATHAN MARTIN

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**WASHINGTON** - Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., ought to be a prime target for a Tea Party challenge. He helped write the Senate's overhaul of immigration laws that provided a

pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants, backed President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominees and expressed a willingness to raise taxes as part of a larger deal to address the nation's fiscal health - all perilous positions in a deep-

ly conservative state. Yet none of the six Republicans in South Carolina's House delegation or any statewide elected officials stepped forward to take on Graham. Instead, as his June primary approaches, the incumbent is using

some of his \$7.5 million in campaign funds to fill television screens in the state with ads as he faces a field of relative no-names.

Graham's unexpectedly strong standing underscores a larger point: The Tea Party may be nudging Republicans to the right in Congress with the implicit threat of primary challenges, but when it comes to recruiting quality challengers to take out incumbent senators, it is falling decidedly short.

Graham, who said that if he won renomination he would not have "much of a race" in the fall, is among eight Republican incumbent senators who faced a challenge at the start of the year. Now only one of them, Thad Cochran of Mississippi, is locked in a heated race with a challenger who has significant resources. The incumbents are not all totally safe bets yet, particularly Graham,

who will face a runoff if he does not capture a majority of the primary vote. But the officials who would have been the most formidable challengers to Republican incumbents in Texas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Kansas and Tennessee stood down.

"People take a look at it and they say, 'Is there an opportunity here or not?'" said Sen. John Cornyn, the Texas Republican who easily defeated Rep. Steve Stockman in a primary last month. "And I think most of them, the credible candidates, looked at it and said, 'There's not an opportunity here,' so they decided to take a pass, which leaves it to the second- and third-tier candidates."

The incumbents also took lessons from watching two former Senate colleagues, Robert F. Bennett of Utah and Richard G. Lugar of Indiana, lose nominating contests. □



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) in his office on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Tea Party has nudged Republicans to the right in Congress, but falls short when it comes to recruiting good challengers to take out incumbents like McConnell, who starve challengers of the validation and money they need.

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# Fort Hood gunman had argument with other soldiers

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FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)

— The U.S. soldier who gunned down three other military men before killing himself at the Fort Hood base had an argument with colleagues in his unit before opening fire, and investigators believe his mental condition was not the “direct precipitating

whether those involved were among the dead or wounded, or how many shooting victims had been a part of the argument. “There was no premeditated targeting of an individual,” he said.

Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command based in Quantico, Virginia, said the military has not established a “concrete motive.”

a single round at him that apparently missed. That’s when the gunman put his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol against his head and pulled the trigger one last time.

Authorities have interviewed more than 900 people in their investigation, Grey said.

Also Friday, Lopez’s father said his son had struggled with the recent deaths of

the second at the base since 2009, when 13 people were killed by Army psychiatrist Nidal Hasan, who had said he was angry about being deployed to Afghanistan and wanted to protect Islamic and Taliban leaders from U.S. troops. Lopez, an Army truck driver,

did a short stint in Iraq in 2011 and told medical personnel he had suffered a traumatic brain injury. The 34-year-old was undergoing treatment for depression and anxiety while being evaluated for post-traumatic stress disorder, base officials said. □



According to Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, Ivan Lopez, the shooter, purchased his weapon recently at Guns Galore, seen Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Killeen, Texas. A soldier opened fire Wednesday on fellow service members at the Fort Hood military base, killing three people and wounding 16 before committing suicide.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

factor” in the shooting, authorities said Friday. The Texas base’s commander, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, offered those details a day after saying that Spc. Ivan Lopez’s mental condition appeared to be an underlying factor in the attack.

On Friday, Milley said that an “escalating argument” precipitated the assault. He declined to discuss the cause of the argument but said investigators believe Lopez made no effort to target specific soldiers — even though at least one of the soldiers shot was involved in the dispute.

Milley would not say

And because Lopez is dead, he added, “the possibility does exist that we may never know why the alleged shooter did what he did.”

The crime scene encompasses two city blocks, Grey said.

Lopez initially began firing near an intersection, then traveled to several nearby buildings, went inside and kept firing. While driving to those locations in his vehicle, he fired indiscriminately at other soldiers, Grey said. Grey also confirmed for the first time that the military police officer who confronted Lopez exchanged words with him before firing

his mother and grandfather and the stress of being transferred to a new base. Lopez’s father, who shares the same name, said his son was receiving medical treatment but was a peaceful family man and a hard worker.

“This is very painful for me,” the elder Lopez said in the statement issued from his native Puerto Rico. He called for prayers for the dead and the 16 people who were wounded in the rampage.

“My son could not have been in his right mind,” Lopez said. “He was not like that.”

Wednesday’s attack was

## Man wants \$140, broken US ATM spits out \$37K

SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A malfunctioning automated bank machine has dispensed \$37,000 in cash to a man who requested \$140.

Police in Maine say they responded to the TD Bank branch Thursday morning

after getting a call from a woman who said a man was spending an unusual amount of time at the ATM she was waiting to use. Officers found the man stuffing cash into a shopping bag. The money was returned to the bank. Bank officials say

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## Milwaukee group wants to buy Pabst Blue Ribbon

**CARRIE ANTLEFINGER**

**Associated Press Writer**

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Long before it was known for fine cheddar cheese or the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin was famous for beer, especially the national brands brewed in Milwaukee: Schlitz, Blatz and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

The brewing tradition started by Milwaukee's German immigrants in the 1800s endured for more than a century, until industry consolidation in the 1980s and '90s began sending familiar brands to other companies and cities.

Now a small group of Milwaukee residents wants to revive part of that proud history by buying Pabst Brewing Co. from a California executive in hopes of returning the brand to its birthplace, possibly as a city-owned brewery.

The effort appears to be a distant long shot, requiring hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire the 170-year-old beer best known as PBR. But Milwaukee officials like the idea enough to talk about it, and at least one industry analyst says the plan is not beyond the realm of possibility.

"When I think about Pabst being anywhere else but Milwaukee, it just doesn't make sense," said Susie Seidelman, an organizer of the "Bring Pabst Blue Ribbon Home" effort. "Milwaukee made this beer what it is. ... It's right on the can." The beer, with its pale gold color and light, fizzy taste, has become especially popular over the last decade among urban hipsters, in part because it's one of the cheapest on the

market.

The company that started in Milwaukee in 1844 is now headquartered in Los Angeles after being bought by food industry executive C. Dean Metropoulos in 2010 for a reported \$250 million.

Reports surfaced last month suggesting that Pabst might be looking for buyers. Organizers of the group want Metropoulos to give them first rights of sale so they can begin raising

a core of seven people with various business and non-profit backgrounds. It also has a Facebook page titled "Milwaukee Should Own Pabst Blue Ribbon" and a website at bringpbrhome.com, which lets visitors sign a letter to Metropoulos. The letter acknowledges that the purchase proposal might seem "crazy" but asks readers to "humor us for just a moment."

"We want to bring PBR home," reads the letter,

about the beer and more about "investing in the city of Milwaukee," Seidelman said.

A letter to the Milwaukee mayor and city council asks them to consider the purchase of Pabst using a community ownership model similar to that of the Green Bay Packers, in which the public buys stock that does not increase in value and pays no dividends. But, Seidelman said, they are also considering

The group's website was put together by the great-great granddaughter of brewery founder Frederick Pabst. Bridget Byrnes, a web designer in Missoula, Montana, volunteered after seeing the Facebook page. The return of Pabst back would hopefully create jobs and "bring Milwaukee back to the beer city it was."

The plan is being floated at a time when some Great Lakes cities are trying to develop a "blue economy" by attracting industries that rely on water. As growing water scarcity casts a shadow over the economy in warmer states, many northern communities want to use their abundant freshwater to attract businesses, including breweries.

Jeff Fleming, a spokesman for Milwaukee's development department, said city officials know little about the effort so far but look forward to discussing any plan with the organizers.

Paul Gatza, director of the Colorado-based Brewers Association trade group, said he's seen reports the company could go for \$700 million to \$1 billion. He said Metropoulos' business is acquisitions, not brewing, which might explain the interest in selling.

Raising that sort of money from Milwaukee's 600,000 residents would be tough, but it might be more feasible if a private-equity group stepped in, Gatza said.

Beer is personal to beer drinkers, and Gatza has seen social media backlash when beer drinkers grow unhappy with other companies' changes, he said. □



**Featured is a neon sign for Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. A small group of Milwaukee residents want to buy Pabst Brewing Co. from a California executive in hopes of returning the brand to its birthplace, possibly as a city-owned brewery.**

**(Handout Photo)**

money toward any asking price.

Pabst representatives would not comment on any potential sale or the efforts to bring the brand back to Milwaukee, saying only that they "are considering financial alternatives" that will help Pabst "aggressively pursue its next phase of growth through strategic acquisitions."

The effort to buy Pabst has

expected to be sent next week.

In 1996, Pabst headquarters left and beer production ceased at the company's main complex in downtown Milwaukee, opening a "gaping hole in our city's economy," according to the letter. PBR is now brewed in another part of town as part of a deal with MillerCoors.

Bringing Pabst back is less

other options, including forming a cooperative.

Another organizer, Erika Wolf, said the group wants to hold town-hall-style meetings and online chats about how to buy and run PBR.

The first meeting is scheduled for April 23.

Regardless of the business structure chosen, they want to put the profits back into the city, she said.



# US finally regains jobs lost in the recession

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And we need more improvement for a stronger economy to come into fruition."

The March figures did signal that stronger gains could lie ahead: More Americans without jobs are starting to look for one, and paychecks are growing.

Most economists expect job growth to pick up a bit to a monthly pace of 225,000 or more. One reason: Americans have reduced their debts and benefited from rising home prices and a rising stock market. Better household finances should translate into more spending.

And a major drag on growth — federal spending cuts and tax increases — will fade this year, most likely boosting the economy. Budget battles and government shutdowns that have eroded business and consumer confidence since the recession ended are unlikely this year.

"Enough repair has happened in damaged sectors and there's enough calm ... so we can have a real recovery," said Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Greater business confidence has been good for companies such as Advanced Technology Services, a Peoria, Illinois-based firm that maintains machine tools, robotics and computer systems for industrial companies such as Caterpillar, Honeywell and Honda.

The company has about 120 openings for factory floor technicians, network engineers and information technology professionals. It has 2,700 employees in the U.S. and 300 more in Mexico and Britain.

Jeff Owens, president of ATS, said his clients appear more confident about economic growth and more willing to invest in machinery. He is seeing solid growth in the auto, food processing and oil and gas drilling equipment

industries.

"The economy is better than it was a year or two ago," Owens said. "We're seeing that people are more comfortable with executing their strategic plans."

erwise.

For most of the past four years, the number of Americans who found jobs barely kept up with population growth. Now it's growing slightly faster. As a result, the percentage of Ameri-

More hiring plus a longer workweek means bigger paychecks for more Americans. That should help fuel more consumer spending and economic growth in the months ahead.

Still, for individual workers,

overall pay is the quality of jobs. Most of those added last month were in low-paying industries.

Temporary help agencies added 28,500 positions. Hotels and restaurants added 33,100, and retailers 21,300.



In this March 13, 2014, photo, job seekers line up to attend a marijuana industry job fair in Downtown Denver. The government issued a milestone March jobs report on Friday, April 4, 2014.

(AP Photo/Brennan Linsley)

The U.S. unemployment rate has been stuck at 6.7 percent since December, but that partly reflects a positive trend: More Americans, particularly younger people, are either working or looking for work.

So far this year, about 1.3 million people have started looking for jobs, and most have found them. Last year, by contrast, the number of people either working or looking for work had shrunk by roughly 500,000.

That's a welcome change from the pattern that had prevailed since the recession: The proportion of Americans working or looking for work fell to a 35-year low in December. Many of the unemployed had become discouraged and stopped hunting for jobs.

In addition, many younger people stayed in school to avoid the job market. And some older Americans probably retired earlier than they would have oth-

cans 16 or older who were working reached 58.9 percent in March — the highest point since 2009.

Another positive sign in the report: Americans worked more hours last month. The average work week rose to 34.5 hours last month, up from 34.3 in February.

average hourly pay slipped a penny to \$24.30. Average hourly wages have risen 2.1 percent in the past year, faster than the 1.1 percent inflation rate. But in a healthy economy, hourly wages typically grow about 3.5 percent a year. One thing holding back

Higher-paying positions didn't fare as well. Manufacturers shed 1,000 jobs, the first such drop since July. And professional and technical services, which include accountants, engineers and information technology workers, added just 10,400. □





# Legal pot in Colorado hasn't stopped black market

**SADIE GURMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — A 25-year-old is shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way. Two men from Texas set up a warehouse to grow more than they would ever need. And three people buying pot in a grocery store parking lot are robbed at gunpoint. While no one expected the state's first-in-the-nation recreational sales would eliminate the need for dangerous underground sales overnight, the violence has raised concerns among police, prosecutors and pot advocates that a black market for marijuana is alive and well in Colorado.

"It has done nothing more than enhance the opportunity for the black market," said Lt. Mark Comte of the Colorado Springs police vice and narcotics unit. "If you can get it tax-free on the corner, you're going to get it on the corner."

It's difficult to measure whether there has been an increase in pot-related

crimes beyond anecdotal reports because no one at either the federal or state levels is keeping track of

they will begin to decline as more stores open and prices of legal marijuana decline.

who have large amounts of marijuana or cash on them," said District Attorney George Brauchler.

add their own taxes. Medical marijuana is taxed, too, but at a much lower rate -- a 2.9 percent sales tax.

Those taxes mean an ounce of pot can go for \$400 or more at a state-sanctioned store, depending on quality and potency. An ounce on the street can run between \$200 and \$280, depending on how much a dealer wants to profit, Comte said.

Underground dealers also are not burdened by complex regulations and licenses.

"Those barriers to entry already create the potential for the black market, and then you add these taxes on top of it, and it makes it impossible to get rid of," said Denver attorney Robert Corry, who helped write the pot legalization measure but opposed the taxes.

Corry, who has long represented marijuana dealers facing criminal charges, said his clientele has hardly diminished.

Comte's unit recently searched a warehouse where two men from Texas were growing "so much more than they could ever need," he said.

Detectives charged them with possession of pot with intent to distribute.

If some Colorado drug dealers have lost business to legal retailers, some also have made up for it by transporting weed to other states.

A Lakewood man was arrested in March after postal inspectors intercepted a package he was mailing containing a pound of pot. Drug task force officers who later searched his home found scores of gallon-sized bags of marijuana and 76 plants.

Marijuana cases can be hard to prosecute and are not cost-effective, so police often prefer to focus attention on drugs like heroin and methamphetamine, Comte said.

One result, he said, is the feeling among illegal dealers that because retail sales are legal, authorities are looking the other way. □



This photo provided by Courtesy Lafayette Colorado Police Dept, Nathaniel Tallman is shown. Tallman was shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way.

(AP Photo/Courtesy Lafayette Colorado Police Dept)

the numbers of killings, robberies and other crimes linked directly to marijuana. Pot advocates say the state is in a transition period, and while pot-related crimes will continue,

"It's just a transition period," activist Brian Vicente said. "Marijuana was illegal for the last 80 years in our state, and there are some remnants of that still around.

Certainly, much like alcohol, over time these underground dealers will fade away."

Sales are due to begin in June in Washington, where authorities will be watching for similar cases.

"There's going to be a black market here," said Cmdr. Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug/Gang Task Force, which covers an area outside Seattle. "There will be drug rip-offs and drug debts that haven't been paid. All of that is going to stay."

Under Colorado's voter-approved law, it is legal to possess up to an ounce of marijuana. Authorities are concerned that means illegal dealers and buyers believe they can avoid prosecution. These dealers and their customers also tend to be targets, if robbers know they are flush with cash.

Arapahoe County, outside Denver, has seen "a growing number of drug rips and outright burglaries and robberies of people

His district has seen at least three homicides linked to pot in recent months and a rising number of robberies and home invasions.

Among them was a February case in which a 17-year-old boy said he accidentally shot and killed his girlfriend while robbing a man who had come to purchase weed.

Elsewhere, prosecutors say, Nathaniel Tallman, 25, was killed during a January drug deal when he was robbed and shot, and his body dumped in Wyoming.

The next month, a dealer mugged three people who were trying to buy marijuana from him in a Denver grocery store parking lot.

Such deals are the exception, said Vicente. The "average customer" prefers to buy in a well-lit, regulated store, he said, citing the roughly \$2 million Colorado made in marijuana taxes in January alone.

Whether dangerous or not, it can still be cheaper to buy pot from a drug dealer.

Voters who approved recreational sales in Colorado also agreed to a 12.9 percent state sales tax and a 15 percent excise tax on it. Local jurisdictions can also



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# Kerry says it's 'reality check time' in stalled Mideast Talks

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RABAT, Morocco - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry

toward the top of the administration's foreign policy priorities, declaring at one point that his goal was to achieve a comprehensive

that neither side was prepared to yield to U.S. entreaties. Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian

Authority, did not inform Kerry of his Tuesday speech in which he announced that the Palestinian side would sign 15 international agreements and treaties - a move the Palestinians made in response to Israel's reluctance to release, as promised, a fourth group of Palestinian prisoners. Nor did Israel give Kerry warning before formally declaring Thursday that the last batch of prisoners would not be set free. As Kerry prepared to return to the United States on Friday, he acknowledged at a news conference here that the actions of both sides had been "unhelpful." Even so, some experts say, that Kerry is so committed to his Middle East initiative that it is more likely that he will push for a change in diplomatic strategy, perhaps by tabling a U.S. peace plan, instead of sim-

ply walking away from the Middle East talks. "I think it is a tactic to get the parties to get him more involved," said Robert M. Danin, a former U.S. official who worked on Middle East issues. "I find it surprising that Secretary Kerry, after driving this process so hard, did not play the one card he has left, and that is to put down an American plan or set of ideas for the agreement he has been seeking," Danin added. "That suggests to me that he may be contemplating a pause but not abandonment of his peace efforts." An Israeli official with knowledge of the negotiations, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of Kerry's ban on discussing them publicly, also said he did not believe that Washington would really withdraw from the process. □



Secretary of State John Kerry listens as Moroccan Minister of Foreign Affairs Salaheddine Mezouar speaks to reporters in Rabat, Morocco, April 4, 2014. Kerry said Friday that the Obama administration planned to re-evaluate its approach to Middle East peacemaking and decide whether it was worth continuing its effort in light of the inability of Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to make progress.

(Jacquelyn Martin/Pool via The New York Times)

said Friday that the Obama administration planned to re-evaluate its approach to Middle East peacemaking and decide whether it was even worth continuing the effort in light of the inability of Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to make progress.

"There are limits to the amount of time and effort that the United States can spend if the parties themselves are unwilling to take constructive steps in order to be able to move forward," said Kerry, who added it was "reality check time."

Forging a Palestinian and Israeli peace has been Kerry's top diplomatic priority since he became secretary of state and one he has pursued in more than a dozen visits to the region. The tumultuous events in Ukraine and the civil war in Syria forced themselves onto the agenda of the Obama administration, whose priorities have been at home. Iran's nuclear program has been a major concern for several U.S. administrations.

But Kerry, virtually single-handedly, has pushed the Middle East peace process

peace accord within nine months.


The secretary's goals have gradually receded as his Middle East team tried to coax the two sides to negotiate over issues that have bitterly divided them for decades.


After securing a full treaty seemed too daunting, Kerry's team focused on securing a "framework" within their nine-month target date that would outline the main parameters of an agreement.

More recently, just persuading the two sides to extend the talks beyond April has been Kerry's all-consuming mission.

Even then, Kerry has clung to his ultimate vision of completing a comprehensive accord that would resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict once and for all.

Kerry, who left for Europe on March 23 to attend a nuclear security summit in The Hague with President Barack Obama and has not been back to the United States since, interrupted his recent travels to rush to Amman and then Jerusalem to try to salvage the talks. But he encountered setbacks that suggested







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## UK asks EU to prepare more sanctions options

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Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — Britain's foreign secretary on Friday urged European Union partners to develop possible further sanctions against Russia "if they become necessary," while the top Russian diplomat ridiculed Ukraine's interim government as a Western puppet.

"The West has taken on a role of the master of Ukraine's fate while the country's fledgling government has not shown much independence so far," Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

He blamed the crisis in Ukraine on the government's lack of respect for the citizens' rights and interests of different Ukrainian regions.

At the EU meeting in Athens, officials continued to worry about the large Russian military force on Ukraine's border.

"It is really, really important that Russia shows that it is serious about de-escalation by moving troops back,"

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said as she arrived for the meeting.

The EU has already imposed sanctions against Russia.

"It's very important for us to remain strong and united about the sanctions that we have implemented against individuals in Rus-

sia and Crimea, and to prepare more far-reaching measures if they become necessary," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said. No decision would be made at the two-day session in Athens, he added. "This moment isn't the mo-

omy. Evangelos Venizelos, the Greek foreign minister, said the EU ultimately wanted a political solution to the Ukraine crisis.

"Sanctions are an instrument. (But) for us the target is always the respect of the

called just two weeks after the Russian forces had overtaken the region. Ukraine and the West have rejected the vote and the annexation.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin and his officials said the Russian deployment



The leader of ultranationalist group Right Sector Dmytro Yarosh, center, walks down the street after a news conference in Kiev, Ukraine, Friday, April 4, 2014.

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

ment for phase three of sanctions, but they have to be ready," Hague said, "because the situation remains very dangerous, it remains very tense."

The crisis in Ukraine tops the agenda at the informal foreign ministers' meeting, which will also discuss Syria. EU finance officials said earlier this week that the sanctions were already slowing the Russian econ-

international law," he said. Meanwhile, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Friday that all the Ukrainian servicemen stationed in Crimea were allowed to leave for mainland Ukraine but 8,000 military men stayed and applied to join the Russian army.

Russia annexed the Black Sea peninsula in March following a referendum

to Crimea was within limits set by a deal with Ukraine on a Russian navy base in Crimea. But Moscow has never admitted that the thousands of troops that flooded the peninsula, seizing the airports and blocking the Ukrainian military at their bases, were Russian. They wore no markings but some of them drove APCs with Russian number plates. □

## Dutch doubt where to return Crimean gold

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**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — A Dutch historical museum got more than the bronze swords, golden helmets and precious gems it bargained for when it organized an exhibition on ancient treasures from Ukraine: it also inherited a diplomatic mess.

Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula a month after the Allard Pierson museum opened the "Crimea — Gold and secrets of the Black Sea" exhibition in February. Curators say now they are not sure where to return the objects on display when it ends in August.

Officials from both Ukraine and Russia insist the Crimean treasures must be returned to them.

"We're investigating who the legal owner is," said museum spokeswoman Amber van Schagen-Fayein Friday.

The museum has enlisted experts from the University of Amsterdam and the Dutch Foreign Ministry for advice on what to do now. Among the most stunning objects in the exhibition are a solid gold Scythian helmet from the 4th century B.C. and a golden neck ornament from the second century A.D. that weigh more than a kilogram (two pounds) each.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry asked the Dutch ambassador in Kiev last week to guarantee the safe return of the collection to Ukraine. The country's culture minister Evhen Nishchuk said it was his office that approved the exhibition in the first place — in one of the largest releases of the country's historical collections abroad ever authorized — and it must return via the same route.

"This is about the national security of the cultural heritage of the Ukrainian state," Nishchuk said in a statement.

But four of the five museums that contributed artifacts are located in Crimea. □

## McDonald's exits Crimea over "evolving situation"

**NEW YORK (AP)** — McDonald's has closed its three restaurants in Crimea as it evaluates the "evolving situation" on the Black Sea peninsula.

The world's biggest hamburger chain said Friday that the closures were "strictly a business decision which has nothing to do with politics." It cited the suspension of financial and banking services and said it is evaluating the potential business and regulatory implications of the situation. Russia annexed Crimea last

month, following a referendum held in the wake of Ukraine's political upheavals. The Kremlin backed its decision, which is not recognized by the West, by saying pro-Russian Crimeans had a right to break away from Ukraine.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the leader of the nationalist Liberal-Democratic Party, or LDPR, said in televised comments that he would welcome the closure of McDonald's restaurants throughout Russia.

"I will give an order to the

LDPR local branches to place pickets outside all of McDonald's restaurants," Zhirinovsky said in televised remarks.

But Zhirinovsky's provocative statements are aimed mostly at his core support base of nationalist voters and do not represent official policy.

Other pro-Kremlin lawmakers quickly indicated the government has no intention of cracking down on McDonald's. Sergei Zheleznyak, a deputy speaker of the lower house and a

leading member of the main Kremlin's party, the United Russia, was quoted by the Moskovsky Komsolets newspaper as saying that there is no plan to shut down McDonald's.

The company, based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has more than 400 restaurants in Russia.

The ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Igor Rudenskiy, the head of the economic affairs committee in the lower house, as saying that that closing McDonalds makes no sense. □





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## Suspected North Korean drones crude, reflect new threat

HYUNG-JIN KIM  
Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — South Korean experts say two small drones believed to have been flown across the border by the North were crude and decidedly low-tech — equipped with cameras available on the

The captured drones were basic, at best. One crashed in Paju, a city near the border with North Korea, on March 24. The other crashed Monday on the island of Baengnyeong. South Korean defense officials say they are rudimentary, equipped

Kim, in a briefing Thursday, said lettering on the battery of the drone found at Paju and other forensic evidence suggest it was of North Korean origin. He said it had enough fuel to return to North Korea. Defense officials say it took 193 photos of South Korea's presidential residence and other areas in Seoul and Paju but refused to disclose which other specific sites.

The second drone took photos of two front-line islands — Socheong and Daechong — near the disputed western sea boundary with North Korea.

Kim said the first drone probably crashed due to an engine problem and the second ran out of fuel. They evaded detection because they are so small

and made of polycarbonate.

North Korea's state media hasn't made any comments on the drones.

While the capture of the two surveillance drones appears to offer a rare glimpse into the North's technology, analysts stress they do not necessarily represent the best unmanned aerial vehicles the North can field. They also note the captured drones are a far cry from the U.S.-made Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle, which South Korea plans to introduce to its military in the near future, at about \$208 million a pop.

Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin told parliament Friday that North Korea has been developing unmanned drones since the

1990s. He said ministry officials are urgently working out measures to cope with North Korean drone threats as it's possible for the North to acquire a technology to develop small unmanned aircraft with self-destructive capabilities in the future.

The claim that the drones were flown by the North was announced earlier this week just after North and South artillery batteries fired barrages into each other's territorial waters in a tense but in the end harmless game of military tit-for-tat. "Our government and military were not aware of the flight of the drone even when it was on a potentially dangerous mission," the mass-circulation JoongAng Ilbo said in an editorial. □



In this photo provided on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 by the South Korea Defense Ministry, an unmanned drone which was found last week in Paju, a South Korean city near the land border with North Korea. South Korean experts say two small drones believed to have been flown across the border by the North amid rising military tensions were crude and decidedly low-tech - with cameras available on the Internet for hundreds of dollars - but underscore a potential new threat that must be taken seriously. (AP Photo/South Korea Defense Ministry)

Internet for hundreds of dollars — but underscore a potential new threat that must be taken seriously.

North Korea has recently been touting its drone program, a relatively new addition to its arsenal. It has prominently displayed large drone-like aircraft in military parades. According to the North's state-run media, leader Kim Jong Un watched a drone attack drill on a simulated South Korean target last year.

If the South Korean claims that the drones were from the North on military surveillance missions are true, they would be the first solid, public evidence that North Korea is using its drones to infiltrate South Korean airspace, including the skies over the capital Seoul and its surroundings.

with Japanese-made cameras capable of taking only still photos that cannot be transmitted in real time but must instead be retrieved.

The Paju drone was equipped with a Canon camera and the other one carried a Nikon camera. Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said the Canon camera can be bought for about 1 million won, or about \$950, on the Internet.

Both drones were painted sky blue, probably cost only a few thousand dollars to build and were 140 centimeters (55 inches) and 180 centimeters (71 inches) long — giving them the appearance of the large model planes associated more with hobbyists than militaries.



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# AP photographer killed, reporter wounded in Kabul

KIM GAMEL

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— An Afghan police commander opened fire Friday on two Associated Press journalists inside a security forces base in eastern Afghanistan, killing prize-winning photographer Anja Niedringhaus and wounding veteran correspondent Kathy Gannon.

Niedringhaus, 48, who had covered conflict zones from the Balkans in the 1990s to Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan and was part of a team of AP photographers who won the Pulitzer Prize in 2005, died instantly of her wounds.

Gannon, who for many years was the news organization's Afghanistan bureau chief and currently is a special correspondent for the region, was shot three times in the wrists and shoulder. After surgery, she was in stable condition and spoke to medical personnel before being flown to Kabul.

"Anja was a vibrant, dynamic journalist well-loved for her insightful photographs, her warm heart and joy for life. We are heartbroken at her loss," said AP Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll, speaking in New York.

Niedringhaus and Gannon worked together repeatedly in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion, covering the conflict from some of the most dangerous hotspots of the Taliban insurgency. They often focused on the war's impact on Afghan civilians — and they embedded several times with Afghan police and military, reporting on their determination to build up their often under-equipped forces to face the fight with militants. Gannon also knows several leading Taliban well, and was one of the few Western reporters allowed into Afghanistan during the Taliban's rule in the 1990s.

Friday's attack was particularly startling because it came as an insider shooting by a member of the Afghan security forces — the first known instance of an insider attack on journalists.

It came on the eve of Afghanistan's elections for a new president and provincial councils. The Taliban have vowed to disrupt the voting and have stepped up violence in recent weeks, including increased attacks on civilian targets in Kabul and the killings of a Swedish journalist and Afghan journalist for the French news agency Agence France-Presse.

of Afghan police or military personnel opening fire on and killing international troops working with the country's security forces. The attackers are usually either suspected Taliban infiltrators or Afghans who have come to oppose the foreign presence in the country.

At their worst, in 2012, such attacks happened on average nearly once a week,

President Gary Pruitt remembered Niedringhaus as "spirited, intrepid and fearless, with a raucous laugh that we will always remember."

"Anja is the 32nd AP staffer to give their life in pursuit of the news since AP was founded in 1846," he wrote. "This is a profession of the brave and the passionate, those committed to the mission of bringing to

national Women's Media Foundation. She joined the AP in 2002 and had since been based in Geneva, Switzerland. From 2006 to 2007, she was awarded a Nieman Fellowship in journalism at Harvard University.

Niedringhaus started her career as a freelance photographer for a local newspaper in her hometown in Hoexter, Germany at the



In this Feb. 2012 photo, Kathy Gannon, front left, AP special correspondent for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and veteran AP photographer Anja Niedringhaus, third right, pose with Pakistani soldiers in the remote border area opposite Afghanistan's northeastern Kunar province. The AP team was documenting Pakistan's role in fighting Islamic militants in the region. Niedringhaus, 48, was killed and Gannon was wounded on Friday, April 4, 2014 when an Afghan policeman opened fire while they were sitting in their car in eastern Afghanistan.

(AP Photo)

Niedringhaus and Gannon were traveling Friday in a convoy of election workers delivering ballots in the eastern city of Khost. The convoy was protected by Afghan security forces. They were in their own car with a translator and an AP Television News freelancer. They had arrived in the heavily guarded district compound and were waiting for the convoy to move, said the freelancer, who witnessed the shooting.

A unit commander identified by authorities as Naqibullah walked up to the car, yelled "Allahu Akbar" — God is Great — and opened fire on them in the back seat with his AK-47, the freelancer said. The officer then surrendered to the other police and was arrested.

There have been repeated instances in recent years

killing more than 60 coalition troops and prompting NATO to reduce joint operations with Afghan forces. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied responsibility for the attack. Khost Provincial Police Chief Faizullah Ghyrat said the attacker, Naqibullah, confessed to the shooting and told authorities he was from Parwan province, northwest of Kabul, and was acting to avenge the deaths of family members in a NATO bombing there. The claim could not be corroborated and officials said they were still investigating the shooter's background. Ghyrat said the police commander, who he said was 25 years old, had seen the journalists, decided to act, and then demanded the assault rifle from one of his subordinates.

In a memo to AP staff, AP

the world information that is fair, accurate and important. Anja Niedringhaus met that definition in every way."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai expressed his deep sadness over Niedringhaus' death and the wounding of Gannon. "These two AP journalists had gone to Khost province to prepare reports about the presidential and provincial council elections," a statement from Karzai's office quoted him as saying. It added that Karzai instructed the interior minister and the Khost governor to assist the AP in every way possible.

Niedringhaus was part of an AP team that won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in breaking news photography for coverage of the war in Iraq, and was awarded the Courage in Journalism Award from the Inter-

age of 16. She worked for the European Press Photo Agency before joining the AP. She had published two books. Gannon, 60, is a Canadian journalist based in Islamabad who has covered Afghanistan and Pakistan for the AP since mid-1980s. One of her predecessors as Islamabad chief of bureau, Sharon Herbaugh, died in a 1993 helicopter crash in the central mountains of Afghanistan. The 39-year-old Herbaugh was the first AP newswoman and bureau chief to die on assignment. Gannon is a former Edward R. Murrow Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York and the author of a book on the country, "I Is for Infidel: From Holy War to Holy Terror: 18 Years Inside Afghanistan." After Friday's attack, Gannon underwent surgery in Khost. □





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To engrave a 2D or 3D photographs, she explains, her designers begin to load a standard image through

the company's website, camera or scanner. Then the designers begin to process the image with the software and customize it with the client's specific requirements. The software controls the laser and imprints high frequency pulses of light into the crystal. That's how the image appears. Precise control throughout the process allows the creation of 3D sculptures inside the glass without scratching it. When a client finally receives the elegant 3D best quality optical crystal, the product maintains its durability for a lifetime.

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Elsa started her career as a housekeeper at the Materday huischool, where she stayed for ten years and later when her second son was born she embarked on a stay-home mom's career for five years. Twenty-five years ago she arrived at Caribbean Pam Village Resort and never looked back. She was first hired as a public attendant, then she became a room attendant. Having proved her great value as a leader, she was promoted to the position of housekeeping supervisor.

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In this Feb. 2, 2014, file photo, Denver Broncos' Champ Bailey pauses during the first half of the NFL football Super Bowl against the Seattle Seahawks in East Rutherford, N.J.

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## Saints agree to terms with Champ Bailey

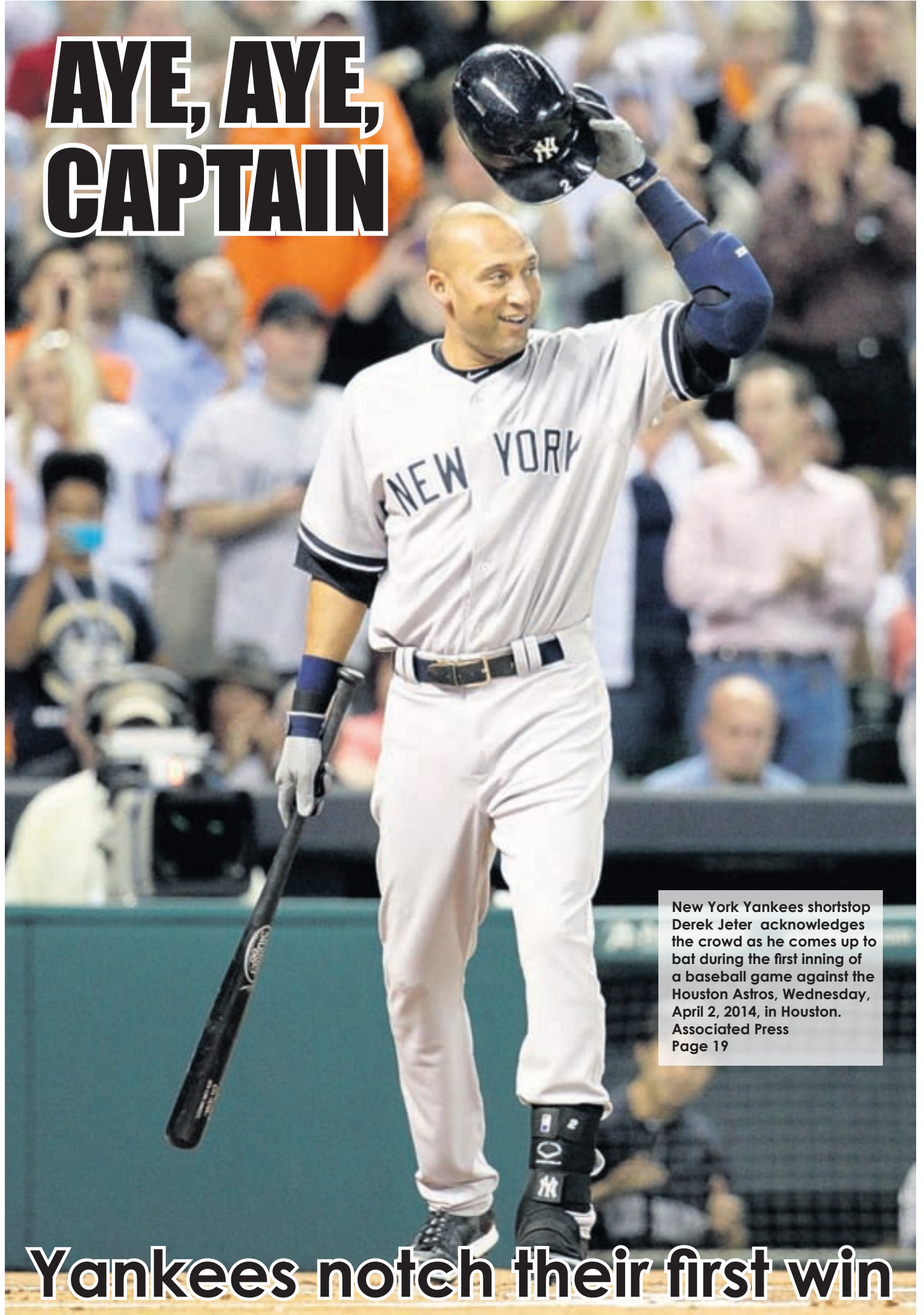
**METAIRIE, La. (AP)** — Veteran defensive back Champ Bailey has agreed to a two-year contract with the New Orleans Saints.

The 35-year-old Bailey played the last 10 seasons with Denver after spending his first five in the NFL with Washington. A shutdown cornerback for much of his career, Bailey has made three All-Pro teams and been selected to 12 Pro Bowls. He trails only Hall of Fame end Reggie White (13) among defensive players in NFL history in Pro Bowls.

Bailey's 52 interceptions are the most among active players, as are his 204 passes defended.

But he missed 11 games because of a left foot sprain originally suffered in the 2013 preseason, which wound up being a Lisfranc injury, one of the most painful for an athlete.

He returned late in the season to help the Broncos advance to the Super Bowl. □



New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter acknowledges the crowd as he comes up to bat during the first inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros, Wednesday, April 2, 2014, in Houston.

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# Garcia moves to top of Houston Open leaderboard

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**HUMBLE, Texas (AP)** — Sergio Garcia surged to the top of the leaderboard by shooting a 7-under par 65 in the second round of the Houston Open on Friday. The Spaniard's 12-under overall score matches the 36-hole low at the 7,441-yard Golf Club of Houston and gives him a one shot lead over American Matt Kuchar (11-under).

Garcia, opening on the back nine, climbed the leaderboard with a birdie-eagle-birdie stretch on his front nine. His eagle on No. 13 came after sticking his 282-yard second shot to 5 feet.

First-round co-leader Bill Haas followed his opening 65 with a 2-over 74 in gusty conditions. The other first-round leader, Charley Hoffman, fell to 3-under overall. Phil Mickelson shot a 2-under 70 and is 6 under overall, six shots back of Garcia.

Kuchar, who tied for fourth

last week in San Antonio, began his afternoon round six shots back of Garcia after opening with a 6-under 66 on Thursday.

He reached 12 under with his sixth birdie of the day on the par-4 17th before finding the fairway bunker on the 18th and settling for a bogey to fall back to 11 under.

While the clear and windy conditions presented difficulties for several in the field, Garcia had no such problems in just his second visit to the former Redstone Golf Club - which switched names to the Golf Club of Houston after an ownership change.

Still in search of his first major championship, Garcia showed he's ready for the slick greens and tight fairways at next week's Masters on the Augusta National-like setup on Friday. He needed only 25 putts for his round while finishing only two shots off the course record of 63.

He equaled the course's



Sergio Garcia tips his hat to the crowd after going seven under for the second round of the Houston Open golf tournament, Friday, April 4, 2014, in Humble, Texas.

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previous low 36 holes set by Johnson Wagner in 2008 and matched in 2012 by Jeff Maggert.

Garcia, who opened with a 5-under 67 on Thursday, began Friday's round on the back nine. His first birdie came following a 12-foot putt on No. 12, and he fol-

lowed that with a spectacular eagle on the par-5 13th.

He started the 592-yard hole with a 307-yard tee shot, following that with a 282-yard 3-wood to 5 feet of the hole. The eagle putt sent him into the lead at 8 under, and he then birdied

the par-3 14th before putting together three straight birdies on his back nine.

The 34-year-old Garcia finished in a tie for 77th in his only other visit to the Houston Open in 2009, including a final-round 81.

Garcia and Kuchar will be paired in Saturday's final group along with one of the four players who are at 8 under. Tournament officials said they will assign threesomes and send the pros off both tees early in the morning to try and beat expected rain on Saturday afternoon.

Matt Jones, Cameron Tringale, Jimmy Walker and Shawn Stefani are tied for third at 8 under, while Steve Stricker and Ben Curtis are at 7 under. Walker, who leads the PGA Tour with three wins this season, matched Garcia's 7-under 65 on Friday.

Defending champion D.A. Points missed the cut after shooting a 2-over 74 on Friday and finishing 1 over overall. □



Eugenie Bouchard, of Canada, runs to the ball while playing against Jelena Jankovic, of Serbia, during the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Friday, April 4, 2014.

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PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

**CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP)** — Eugenie Bouchard won five of the last six games to upset Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in the Family Circle Cup quarterfinals Friday.

The 20-year-old Canadian beat the second-seeded Jankovic to reach the semifinals at a WTA tour event for the second time this season and fifth in her career.

On Saturday, she plays 14th-seeded Andrea Pet-

## Bouchard upsets Jankovic Family Circle Cup

kovic as she seeks her first title — something Bouchard thinks she's more than ready for.

"Every time I go into a tournament now and every match, I always believe I can win," she said.

Even when she falls behind, as happened in her past two matches. Bouchard trailed in the third set against Venus Williams on Thursday and Jankovic this time before rallying to victories.

"I feel confidence in myself," she said.

Jankovic, a Serb once ranked No. 1, was the latest familiar name to be ousted before the weekend. The 2007 champion joined Serena and Venus Williams and past winners Sabine Lisicki and Sam Stosur.

Jankovic was the highest-ranked player left in the field at No. 8.

Petkovic topped ninth-seeded Lucie Safarova 6-3, 1-6, 6-1. The 26-year-old German, ranked 40th in the world, had struggled in recent events.

So Petkovic was pleased to shake off Safarova in the final set and advance to weekend play.

"I'm used to winning at least two, three matches and then losing to the top players, but it was a really tough few weeks for me in the past," she said. "So now I'm just really, really happy and kind of relieved."

In two other quarterfinals Friday at the clay court event, third-seeded Sara Errani plays 17-year-old qualifier Belinda Bencic, and Jana Cepelova faces 12th-seeded Daniela Hantuchova.

Bouchard made it to the Australian Open semifinals this year, losing to eventual champion Li Na. In her only

WTA final, she lost to Stosur in Osaka in October.

The sixth-seeded Bouchard trailed 2-1 in the final set. She then dug in to win the next three games and take control. Her steady, strong groundstrokes wore down Jankovic.

"It was the third set and your concentration goes down a little bit if you're getting tired," Jankovic said. "It was so close. It could have went either way, if I was a little bit tougher out there and played certain points a little smarter."

The two also met in the quarterfinals last year, and Jankovic won 6-2, 6-1. Bouchard was ranked No. 114 then, but she's 20th now.

"Well, I didn't want it to be Groundhog Day today, for sure," Bouchard said. "Same tournament, same round, same opponent." Not the same result. □



# Yankees' Solarte's 3 hits lead over Astros, 4-2

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Rookie Yangervis Solarte had three hits in his first major league start and Derek Jeter drove in a run to give the New York Yankees their first win this season, 4-2 over the Houston Astros on Thursday. Solarte singled during a two-run third inning that put New York up 2-1. He doubled in the fifth and scored on a single by Jeter to make it 3-1.

Houston cut the lead to one in the bottom half before Solarte came through again, this time with a single that drove in Ichiro Suzuki.

Solarte also had a nifty defensive play at third when he grabbed a liner hit right at him by Jose Altuve for the third out in the eighth. Ivan Nova (1-0) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. David Robertson, who took over as closer for Mariano Rivera, pitched a perfect ninth for his first save. Houston starter Brett Oberholtzer also went 5 2-3 innings, allowing five hits and three runs.

## RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 2

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — David Ortiz had three of Boston's 12 hits off Wei-Yin Chen as the Red Sox got an effective pitching performance from Felix Doubront and four relievers.

Xander Bogaerts also had three hits for the Red Sox, who took two of three in the season-opening series between AL East rivals. Boston finished with 14 hits, 12 of them singles.

Matt Wieters had three hits for the Orioles, and Chris Davis had two hits and scored twice.

Doubront (1-0) allowed two runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings, and Boston's bullpen maintained its 0.00 ERA with 3 1-3 innings of three-hit relief. Koji Uehara needed only seven pitches to retire the side in the ninth for his first save.

Chen (0-1) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings.

## RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 2

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)** — Chris Archer threw six solid innings and Evan Longoria hit a three-run homer as Tampa Bay split a four-game series with To-

ronto.

Archer (1-0) allowed two runs and four hits in his first start since he agreed to a \$25.5 million, six-year deal Wednesday. The contract includes club options for 2020 and 2021 that could raise the value to \$43.75 million.

Longoria tied Carlos Pena for first on the Rays' career home run list with 163 on his seventh-inning shot off Es-mil Rogers that put Tampa Bay ahead 7-2.

Toronto's Brandon Morrow (0-1) gave up four runs and seven hits over five innings in his first start since May 28.

## TWINS 10, WHITE SOX 9

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Chris Colabello had a career-high six RBIs and Oswaldo Arcia hit a go-ahead triple as Minnesota avoided a season-opening sweep.

Trailing 9-8 heading into the ninth, the Twins scored twice off Chicago closer Matt Lindstrom (0-1), who blew his first save chance in two opportunities. Trevor Plouffe hit a tying RBI single with two outs before Arcia's triple off the wall in center gave Minnesota a 10-9 lead.

Glen Perkins picked up his first save after squandering Minnesota's lead Wednesday. He got Paul Konerko to ground to third to end the game, giving manager Ron Gardenhire his 999th career win.

Caleb Thielbar (1-0) allowed Marcus Semien's go-ahead homer in the eighth.

## ATHLETICS 3, MARINERS 2

**OAKLAND, California (AP)** — Coco Crisp homered leading off the bottom of the 12th inning to lift Oakland over Seattle.

Crisp, who scored the tying run with two outs in the eighth inning, hit a towering home run off Seattle reliever Hector Noesi (0-1) on an 0-1 pitch. The ball landed just above the out-of-town scoreboard in right field. It's the sixth game-ending hit of Crisp's career.

Yoenis Cespedes and Sam Fuld also drove in runs for Oakland, which rallied from two runs down for its first walkoff win of the season. □



Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts, of Aruba, left, slides into home plate past Baltimore Orioles catcher Matt Wieters, right, for a run on a single by David Ross in the fourth inning of a baseball game on Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Baltimore.

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# Cardinals beat Reds 7-6 to take 2 of 3 in series

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**CINCINNATI (AP)** — The St. Louis Cardinals overcame another long delay and two homers from Todd Frazier on Thursday, holding on to beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 and take two of three in their season-opening series.

The first pitch was delayed 3 hours, 42 minutes because of rain.

The Cardinals then emerged from their two-game hitting slump by knocking Homer Bailey (0-1) out of the game in the fifth inning. Jhonny Peralta homered to get it going. Lance Lynn (1-0) gave up Jay Bruce's two-run homer and Frazier's solo shot during five innings.

**GIANTS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 5**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Angel Pagan hit a three-run home run in San Francisco's five-run eighth inning as the Giants rallied to beat Arizona in a game that was halted briefly in the top of the first due to a swarm of bees in the outfield.

Paul Goldschmidt and Mark Trumbo each hit two-run home runs and Arizona led 5-3 after seven, but the Giants teed off on reliever Will Harris (0-1) in the eighth to take three of four games from the Diamondbacks. Brandon Belt hit his third



St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Matt Adams falls into the stands while trying to catch a foul ball hit by Cincinnati Reds' Chris Heisey that was caught by a fan in the third inning of a baseball game on Thursday, April 3, 2014, in Cincinnati.

home run of the series and Brandon Hicks had a pinch-hit solo shot for the Giants. Jean Machi (2-0) got one out for the victory.

**NATIONALS 8, METS 2**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tanner Roark recovered from a shaky first inning as an emergency starter in place of ailing Jordan Zimmermann as the Nationals rallied past the Mets for an opening three-game sweep.

Ryan Zimmerman tied his career high with four hits.

Zimmermann, 19-9 last year, was fine Wednesday but developed a fever overnight and was throwing up.

Roark (1-0) got just two swings and misses in the first two innings and fell behind in a 30-pitch first. He wound up allowing just the two runs and six hits in six innings with three walks and five strikeouts — including his final four batters.

Wheeler (0-1) gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

**MARLINS 8, ROCKIES 5**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Giancarlo Stanton singled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the eighth inning, capping a comeback to help the Marlins beat the Rockies.

Casey McGehee had two hits and three RBIs for the Marlins, who scored 27 runs while winning three of four games in the season-opening series.

The Marlins were 1 for 15 with runners in scoring position for the afternoon be-

fore Christian Yelich made the score 5-all in the eighth with a two-out RBI single off Matt Belisle (0-1).

A.J. Ramos (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth. Steve Ciskhek followed with a scoreless ninth for his 31st consecutive converted save opportunity, and his second this year.

**CUBS 3, PIRATES 2**

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Jason Hammel pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning as the Cubs edged the Pirates for their first win of the season.

Hammel (1-0) allowed a run, struck out five and walked one in 6 2-3 innings to help the Cubs avoid their worst start in 17 years. Emilio Bonifacio went 2 for 4 and scored twice to continue his torrid start. The Chicago center fielder hit 11 for 16 (.688) during the opening three-game series.

Wandy Rodriguez (0-1) struggled early in his first start in 10 months but settled down late. The left-hander allowed three runs on five hits with a walk and five strikeouts.

In other NL games it was Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 2; St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 6; Miami 8, Colorado 5; Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 2; and San Francisco 8, Arizona 5. □



Robert Roche, an Apache Native American, says that Native Americans find the use of Chief Wahoo demeaning before a baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and the Cleveland Indians, Friday, April 4, 2014, in Cleveland.

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**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Native Americans and their supporters demonstrated outside the opening home

game of the Cleveland Indians on Friday, demanding that the baseball team abolish its "Chief Wahoo"

## Native Americans, others protest Indians' logo

logo.

The long-standing logo, which appears on some team caps and jerseys, depicts a grinning, red-faced cartoon with a feather headband.

Behind barricades outside Progressive Field, the protesters held hand-painted signs that read,

"We Are Not Honored," and "Our Children Are Not Mascots." Indians fans excited about a new season of Major League Baseball streamed by for the game against the Minnesota Twins, many of them wearing the Wahoo logo.

Robert Roche, executive director of the American Indian Education Center, is adamant the team should abolish the logo permanently.

"The issue is simple," said the 66-year-old Roche, his hair braided with white threads.

"We are not mascots. I'm nobody's mascot. My children are not mascots. It mocks us as a race of people. It mocks our religion." Roche and other organizers believe the protest is gaining support because of the growing U.S. debate over sports mascots.

The NFL's Washington Redskins football team has received harsh criticism for its nickname, and many universities and high schools have made changes to logos, mascots and nicknames that depict Native Americans, a once common tradition throughout the U.S.

"If you're looking at the average opening day fan, actually I see a little bit of a difference," said Sundance, a member of the Muscogee tribe, who has been protesting on baseball's opening day since 2008. □



## NHL Capsules

Blues break team record with 52<sup>nd</sup> win

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Brian Elliott stopped 24 shots as the St. Louis Blues beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 on Thursday for their club-record 52nd victory.

Maxim Lapierre and Brenden Morrow scored as St. Louis improved to 14-2-0 in their last 16 games against Buffalo. The previous record for wins in a season belonged to the 1999-2000 Blues, who won 51 games on their way to their last Presidents' Trophy.

Elliott's shutout string ended at 166 minutes, 33 seconds, but he still moved to 18-5-2 overall and 10-1 at home this season. He was coming off a 1-0 win at Pittsburgh when he had 33 stops.

St. Louis also moved into a tie with Boston for the most points in the league with 111. The Bruins lost 4-3 to Toronto in overtime.

Buffalo's Cody Hodgson scored a power-play goal at 19:04 of the third period. MAPLE LEAFS 4, BRUINS 3, OT

**TORONTO (AP)** — Nazem Kadri scored 2:51 into overtime, giving Toronto the win.

Brad Marchand, Milan Lucic and Patrice Bergeron scored for Boston, which lost back-to-back games for the first time since Feb. 26 and March 1. Chad Johnson made 27 saves. Bergeron tied it at 12:51 of the third against backup goalie James Reimer, after Lucic scored 5:03 into the final period.

Paul Ranger, Tyler Bozak and James van Riemsdyk scored for Toronto, which finished the game without goaltender Jonathan Bernier.

It remains to be seen how severe Bernier's injury is. He



left 7:22 into the third period after Ranger pushed Patrice Bergeron into him.

AVALANCHE 3, RANGERS 2  
**DENVER (AP)** — Colorado's Tyson Barrie scored in the final minute of regulation, and then scored again in the shootout.

Semyon Varlamov had 29 saves for Colorado, which has won five in a row. Varlamov also stopped each of New York's attempts in the shootout.

The Avalanche maintained a three-point lead on the Blackhawks for second place in the Central Division. The Blackhawks beat Minnesota in a shootout but still lag behind Colorado with 10 days left in the season.

Henrik Lundqvist had 35 saves for the Rangers, who gained a point on Philadelphia despite the loss. Derek Stepan and John Moore scored for New York.

BLACKHAWKS 3, WILD 2, SO  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Marian Hossa scored the lone goal in the shootout as the Blackhawks stopped a three-game losing streak.

Chicago goaltender Corey Crawford made 25 saves through overtime, and then stopped all three Minnesota attempts in the shootout. Hossa connected on the Blackhawks' second attempt in the tiebreaker by powering a shot through Ilya Bryzgalov. It was Chicago's first game

since coach Joel Quenneville said captain Jonathan Toews would miss the rest of the regular season due to an upper-body injury. The Blackhawks also were without Patrick Kane, another star forward who is expected to miss the rest of the regular season because of a lower-body injury.

Chicago did get Bryan Bickell back from an injury, and he scored a tiebreaking goal in the third period. Ben Smith also scored for the Blackhawks.

Charlie Coyle and Erik Haula scored for Minnesota.

BLUE JACKETS 2, FLYERS 0  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 37 shots for his fourth shutout of the season, leading Columbus to its first win in Philadelphia.

James Wisniewski and Brandon Dubinsky scored for the Blue Jackets, who were in Philadelphia since the franchise's inception in 2000.

Led by Bobrovsky, a former Flyer, the Blue Jackets moved closer to clinching their second-ever playoff berth. They closed within two points of the Flyers for third place in the Metropolitan Division.

The Flyers have lost three straight and were shut out for the second straight time. □

## NBA Roundup

## Durant, Thunder end Spurs' 19-game win streak

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Kevin Durant scored 28 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat San Antonio 106-94 on Thursday, ending the Spurs' winning streak at 19 games.

Russell Westbrook scored 27 points and Serge Ibaka added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who won the matchup between the top two teams in the Western Conference. Oklahoma City is three games behind with eight games remaining.

Durant scored at least 25 points for the 39th consecutive game, the longest streak since Michael Jordan did it 40 consecutive times during the 1986-87 season. He reached 25 on a free throw with 3:31 remaining.

Patty Mills scored 21 points and Kawhi Leonard and Tim Duncan each added 17 for the Spurs. San Antonio had won its previous four games by an average of 23.5 points.



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) and San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, right, vie for control of the ball in front of Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Thursday, April 3, 2014.

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MAVERICKS 113, L.A. CLIPPERS 107

At Los Angeles, Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and Jose Calderon added 19 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Los Angeles Clippers for the first time this season 113-107.

Blake Griffin had 25 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in his first triple-double of the season for the Clippers, who had won 17 of

their previous 19, including four straight. They beat the Mavs in their first three meetings of the season, coming from behind each time. A night earlier, the Clippers came back from a 17-point deficit to beat Phoenix on the road, clinching their second straight Pacific Division title and third consecutive playoff berth. They nearly pulled it off again. □



# Seahawks lock up coach Pete Carroll with extension

By TIM BOOTH  
AP Sports Writer

**SEATTLE (AP)** -- The first major contract extension finalized by the Seattle Seahawks following their Super Bowl title was a commitment to coach Pete Carroll - and to an ideology that finally proved successful at the professional level. While getting stars such as Earl Thomas and Richard Sherman locked up remains important, the focus for the Seahawks was making sure Carroll was sticking around.

"This was a huge priority for us coming into the offseason," Seattle general manager John Schneider said Friday. "We knew it was around the corner and it was, quite honestly, we're trying to take care of our own people and keep our young players together. But where do you start? You start at the top."

The Seahawks locked up Carroll through the 2016 season with a three-year extension announced Friday. The new contract rips up the final year of the original five-year deal Carroll signed in January 2010, and cleared up any uncertainty whether the 62-year-old coach wanted to stick



around after his original deal expired.

Carroll is staying. So are the ideas and beliefs he brought with him when he arrived from Southern California. Back then, there was skepticism whether his style and attitude would work in the NFL.

Now, there's no question. "Whether this came about or not I was going to keep busting it and going for it. It wasn't going to matter in that regard. But I think the statement, that they wanted to validate the

commitment to what we're doing and how we're doing it, was extraordinary," Carroll said. "It was an extraordinary effort on their part and I'm just humbled and thrilled they see it that way."

Carroll is 38-26 in four regular seasons with Seattle and 5-2 in the playoffs. He's the second-oldest head coach in the NFL - yet rarely acts his age - and one of seven current coaches with a Super Bowl title. The championship was a crowning achievement for Carroll af-

ter struggles in his two previous stints as an NFL head coach with the New York Jets and New England.

Carroll was lured to Seattle because of something he didn't have in his previous NFL stops: control. Seattle gave him the reins to the franchise, and hired him before adding Schneider to the mix, and creating a relationship that has been marked by stability and success.

After nearly a decade of winning with the Trojans and having say over a pro-

gram, that level of control was crucial if he was going back to the professional ranks. The Seahawks were willing.

"I loved my time at USC and I was having the time of my life being part of that wonderful school and all the things that we were doing," Carroll said. "But I knew there was another challenge out there and that was coming to the league."

The challenge Carroll inherited included tearing down and rebuilding the Seahawks roster and treading water through a pair of 7-9 seasons his first two years. The breakthrough came in Year 3 when Seattle drafted Russell Wilson, who gave them stability at quarterback. Seattle went 11-5 in Carroll's third season and reached the divisional round of the playoffs.

Carroll followed that by guiding the Seahawks to 13 regular-season wins, the 2013 NFC West title and home-field advantage in the playoffs. Seattle knocked off New Orleans in the divisional round then edged San Francisco in the NFC title game before routing Denver 43-8 in the Super Bowl in February. □



In this Dec. 1, 2013 file photo, Tennessee Titans' Chris Johnson (28) dives while being tackled by Indianapolis Colts' Cory Redding during the first half of an NFL football game in Indianapolis. Associated Press

By TERESA M. WALKER  
AP Sports Writer

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** -- The CJ2K era is over in Tennessee, just the latest step by the Titans in their franchise makeover. The Titans told Chris John-

son they are releasing him Friday after six seasons to avoid paying \$8 million the running back is due in 2014, along with the final three seasons left on the \$53.5 million contract he signed in September 2011. His re-

## Titans tell Chris Johnson he'll be released today

lease comes before the Titans start their offseason program Monday with new coach Ken Whisenhunt. General manager Ruston Webster said the Titans thank Johnson for his contributions, setting so many franchise records and being durable over his six seasons with Tennessee.

"We have had an open dialogue with Chris' agent, Joel Segal, over the last few weeks, and we appreciate the patience and professionalism they have shown throughout this process," Webster said in statement. "We made an effort to trade Chris but were unable to do so."

The Titans have been busy working to replace

Johnson, who turns 29 in September. They agreed with Dexter McCluster on a three-year deal at the start of free agency after signing Shonn Greene in March 2013. The Titans also re-signed Jackie Battle recently, along with reaching a one-year deal for kick returner and running back Leon Washington on March 11.

Adding another running back in the May draft also is expected.

It didn't help that Johnson repeatedly said he wouldn't take a pay cut. The Titans didn't face a deadline that would have guaranteed the \$8 million Johnson was due in 2014 until the first week of the

regular season, but Johnson planned to report for the start of the offseason program Monday.

He flew into Nashville late Thursday night to meet with the Titans on Friday.

"I'd like to thank all of my teammates, the fans, the staff and the coaches who have supported me throughout my journey with the Titans," Johnson said in a statement. "I have grown so much as an individual and as teammate over the past few years, and I am excited about the opportunity to bring my experience and talents to a new organization. I'm looking forward to the next chapter and can't wait to contribute to my new team." □



# App happy: wedding help in the palm of your hand

DIANA MARSZALEK  
Associated Press

Doug Appleton's grandparents couldn't travel to his New York City wedding last October, but the tech-savvy Floridians were as present on the Big Day as anyone could be from 1,000-plus miles away. Thanks to FaceTime, the two-way Apple video-calling app, Gerald and Jacqueline Sherman watched by video stream as Appleton, 27, and Lauren Becker, 26, tied the knot. The newlyweds even have a picture of the ceremony that captures the Shermans' faces on the iPhone that was used to connect them. Next, the Shermans joined in the post-nuptial festivities via Wedding Party, an app that instantly uploads photos taken by guests to a website that posts them in chronological order. That



This undated photo shows the wedding app Loverly, which is billed as a one-stop-shop for the betrothed.

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This undated photo provided by Appy Couple shows how brides and grooms can give Appy Couple, the wedding app, a personal touch.

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allowed them to watch the celebration unfold in real time. "My grandparents get this stuff, which is great," says Appleton. "They loved seeing what was going on." Applications that can be downloaded to smartphones and tablets are part of many weddings today, from the initial planning to the honeymoon. The hectic pace of life has encouraged the trend, says Leila Lewis, an industry expert and founder of Inspired By This, a wedding website. "In this day and age, the digital bride is planning the wedding on the go, which means planning from a phone or tablet," Lewis says. "Brides want to be plan-

ning, searching and experiencing weddings conveniently. They want quick access to an abundance of information, and that's what apps and technology provide." The proliferation of wedding apps can make choosing which ones to use overwhelming. Here are just several worth noting: — Appy Couple. Sharmeen Mitha-Sehgal created this app after the nerve-wracking experience of trying to keep track of her sister's wedding itinerary — a wedding in Mumbai, India — using various invitation and social media websites. Appy Couple aims to provide all wedding-related services on one platform. It

helps manage RSVPs, send e-mail invites and create a schedule of events. Guests can use it to book travel, share photos and submit song requests to DJs. — Lover.ly. Lewis likes this one for planning. Also billed as a one-stop-shop for the betrothed, it offers shopping and planning platforms as well as info on trends, from '70s-style dresses to serving doughnuts. — Evernote. A nod to keeping you and your betrothed on the same page during the wedding planning process. This organizational app — you can snap pictures, make lists and take notes — syncs on devices so that everyone knows what's going on.

— Wedding Party. One of the apps designed to boost the experience of the day itself by allowing guests to use their phones to share photos, videos and comments. About a week ahead of her wedding, Becker asked guests to download this app so they could help the Shermans get in on the action. — WedPics. Lets couples create personalized photo albums of all the events surrounding their nuptials, from bridal showers to honeymoons, using pictures and videos uploaded by friends. — Tiffany & Co. Engagement Ring Finder. The jeweler's app helps you choose the right diamond. □

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# Tech stocks, once highfliers, drop; Nasdaq sinks

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AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A slump in Internet and other technology stocks pulled the broader market lower Friday, as traders turned on the same companies they flocked to earlier this year. Google, Netflix and other pillars of the Internet economy took a beating. It was a bad day in an otherwise decent week. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week slightly higher. Mixed signals in the government's monthly jobs report gave investors little direction Friday. The government said that U.S. employers added more workers to their payrolls last month, but the overall report presented a mixed picture, and the unemployment rate remained at 6.7 percent. The stock market crept higher to start, began losing steam at lunchtime and then turned lower in

the afternoon. The jobs report wasn't the culprit, said Uri Landesman, president of the hedge fund Platinum Management. It was likely the "momentum" traders, he said, people who chased high-flying stocks and are having a change of heart. Tech stocks had soared over the past year, pushing the Nasdaq composite index up 28 percent, as traders piled into Internet and biotechnology companies. Netflix and Facebook, for instance, doubled in price over that time. "It's like (traders) took a look at some of these high-flying Internet companies and said, 'How can I justify these prices?'" Landesman said. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index plunged 110.01 points, or 2.6 percent, to close at 4,127.73, its biggest one-day drop since February. The S&P 500 index fell 23.68 points, or 1.3 percent, to



**Specialist John O'Hara works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, April 4, 2014. Technology stocks fell sharply in afternoon trading Friday, bringing the broader market lower. Mixed signals in the government's monthly jobs report left investors with little reason to cheer.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

1,865.09. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 159.84 points, or 1 percent, to 16,412.71. Utilities, which investors

buy to play it safe and collect dividend payments, bucked the overall market and edged higher. Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson

and other big corporations whose stocks are often less volatile than the broader market also made gains. Coca-Cola climbed 15 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$38.22. Before the market opened Friday, the Labor Department reported that employers added 192,000 jobs in March. That's less than economists had expected and also below February's total of 197,000. On the bright side, employers added a combined 37,000 more jobs in February and January than the government first estimated. A half-million Americans started looking for work last month, and many of them found jobs.

Earlier in the week, a string of reports on manufacturing and hiring nudged the stock market to its record highs. Robert Pavlik, chief market strategist at Banyan Partners, said many investors have argued that tough winter weather held the economy back at the start of the year and that things would turn around as temperatures rose. The jobs report, Pavlik said, didn't support their case. "A lot of what people have been saying about payrolls isn't true," he said. Pavlik said he thinks the economy is likely to keep plodding along. □

## Wall Street orders up GrubHub in market debut

**JOSEPH PISANI**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wall Street has a major craving for takeout. Investors sent shares of GrubHub Inc. up more

than 30 percent Friday in an initial public offering that gave the online food ordering service a market capitalization of nearly \$2.7 billion. GrubHub is one of four

companies to go public Friday in what has been a very hot IPO market, especially for businesses in the cloud software and biotech industries. There have been 71 IPOs

priced so far this year, up 115 percent from the same time last year, according to IPO investment adviser and research company Renaissance Capital. "Investors are looking for growth in a slow-growth economy," says Kathleen Smith, a Renaissance Capital principal. Smith said she is seeing signs of investors getting more cautious, though, after some hot debuts quickly cooled off. One such company is Castlight Health Inc. Shares of the cloud-based health care software company more than doubled on their first day of trading last month. But the stock is now down about 50 percent from the high of \$41.95 that it reached during its March 14 debut. Whether GrubHub can hold on to its gains remains to be seen.

The company is attractive to investors because of its potential to grow in a new field, says Smith. □



**Signs for GrubHub and Seamless are displayed on the door to a New York restaurant, Friday, April 4, 2014. Shares in GrubHub will begin trading at the New York Stock Exchange Friday. GrubHub, based in Chicago, also owns the Seamless food ordering website. The company connects nearly 29,000 restaurants with users in more than 600 U.S. cities. More than 3 million people have placed an order through GrubHub websites in the past year.**

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)



# Hiring up as US economy adds 192,000 jobs in March

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The U.S. economy added 192,000 jobs in March, as the end of winter and better weather in many parts of the country encouraged employers to begin hiring workers slightly more aggressively. The new data, released by the Labor Department on Friday morning, suggested that busi-

nesses did a bit of catching up last month, but not as much as some analysts had predicted. The unemployment rate remained flat from last month, at 6.7 percent. After a surge last fall, job creation slowed noticeably in December and January, setting off a debate over whether wintery weather was to blame for the weakness or some-

thing more fundamental in the economy was at work. Before the announcement, economists had been expecting a gain of 200,000 in payrolls in March, with the unemployment rate falling by 0.1 percentage point to 6.6 percent. Because of the question of the role played by weather, the data for March had been eagerly awaited.

Some experts said it was the first month of so-called clean data since the fall, arguing that cold and snow had inhibited hiring in crucial sectors like construction and retailing as 2013 drew to a close and the new year began. Indeed, analysts had been surprised by just how lackluster the pace of hiring was in previous months,

but had been turning cautiously optimistic in recent weeks as other signals like initial claims for unemployment looked more encouraging. As a result, some well-known firms were predicting a rebound in March, with Barclays estimating a gain of 225,000 jobs and Bank of America Merrill Lynch calling for an addition of 230,000 jobs. □

# Penney teams up with Elle Macpherson for lingerie

**ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**  
AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — J.C. Penney is hoping that some supermodel magic will win over shoppers in the lingerie department.

a partnership with Elle Macpherson, who along with Christy Turlington, Cindy Crawford and others defined a new generation of supermodels in the 1980s. The collection will

fore deciding whether to roll it out to its other stores. The collection, called The Body by Elle Macpherson, which refers to her nickname, offers bras and panties in mostly cotton. Its

Macpherson's lingerie business that she founded in 1990 with the launch of an collection of lacy and silk lingerie that's sold at upscale stores here and abroad including Bloomingdale's and Harrod's.

The Body Bras top out at around \$50, while bras in the Elle Macpherson Intimates Collection can go as high as \$150. The bras have four distinct silhouettes designed to suit varying needs and body shapes: the push up, a sporty demi-cut version, an unlined alternative, and a subtle lift.

"I created this for myself, because I thought there was a gap," Macpherson told The Associated Press. "I really wanted to address this idea of shape."

Macpherson, who is creative director for a series of fashion business ventures, said Penney offers the opportunity to design for a wider audience.

The collection comes as Penney is trying to recover from a botched transformation spearheaded by its former CEO Ron Johnson, who was fired in April 2013 after 17 months on the job.

That month, Mike Ullman, Johnson's predecessor, returned to the helm and has restored frequent sales events and basic merchandise to help reverse plunging sales and massive losses.

A key focus: revitalizing its lingerie business. The partnership with Macpherson was forged under Johnson's regime. But under the former Apple executive, Penney got rid of bra specialists and its store brand Ambrielle, a conservative line of lingerie. In February, Penney brought back the specialists and Ambrielle.

Also, more than 600 Penney stores will see their lingerie areas refreshed with new graphics and special fixtures.

Penney executives said Victoria's Secret benefited the most from Penney's woes when it came to lingerie sales.

"By offering the best brands, a greater level of service and an inspiring environment, J.C. Penney is making the necessary improvements to reclaim its market share," said Ivy Spargo, a senior vice president for Penney. □



This undated photo provided by J.C. Penney shows the company's ad for its new exclusive lingerie collection in the U.S. with a partnership with Elle Macpherson, who along with Christy Turlington, Cindy Crawford and others became part of a new generation of supermodels in the 1980s. The collection will be in 300 of Penney's 1,100 stores starting April 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/ J.C. Penney)

The beleaguered department store chain is launching an exclusive lingerie collection in the U.S. with

be in 300 of Penney's 1,100 stores starting April 11. Penney says it will wait to see how the brand fares be-

emphasis is on the smoothest, most precise fit that can be worn every day. The collection builds on

# Gold gains after jobs report and stock market drop

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gold rose the most in three weeks after U.S. employers added slightly fewer jobs than economists had forecast. Traders also bought gold as the stock market slumped. The price of gold for June delivery climbed \$18.90, or 1.5 percent, to \$1,303.50 an ounce on Friday, its biggest gain since March 12.

Gold has rebounded this year after plunging almost 30 percent last year as the dollar appreciated and the U.S. economy showed signs of strengthening without inflation. Traders typically buy gold to hedge against rising prices or when the dollar weakens. Gold also got a lift as traders sought a safe haven as the stock market sank.

"We had a friendly number

for gold in the jobs figure today," said George Gero, a financial advisor at RBC Wealth Management.

Other metals also rose. Silver for May delivery gained 14 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$19.95 an ounce. Platinum for July delivery gained \$5.40, or 0.4 percent, to \$1,450.90 an ounce. Palladium for June rose \$1.90, or 0.2 percent, to \$790.75 an ounce.

Copper for May edged a fraction of a cent lower to \$3.02 per pound.

In trading of agricultural products, wheat and soybeans fell. Corn rose.

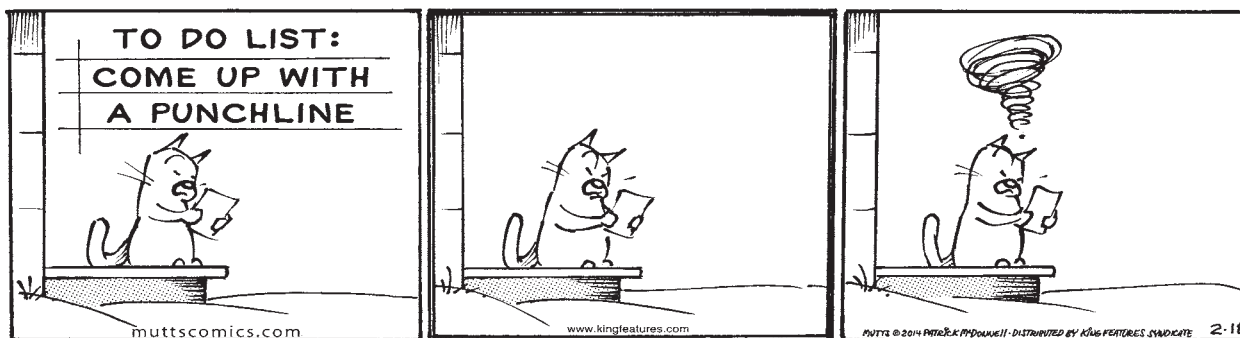
Wheat for May fell 6.25 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$6.70 a bushel. Corn for the same month gained 1.8 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$5.02 cents a bushel. May soybeans fell 1.5 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$14.74 a

bushel.

In energy trading, the price of oil rose 85 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$101.14 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline for May rose 1.9 cents to close at \$2.93 a gallon. Natural gas for the same month fell 3.1 cents, or 0.7 percent, to close at \$4.439 per 1,000 cubic feet. May heating oil gained edged up 0.2 cents, or 0.1 percent, to \$2.91 a gallon. □



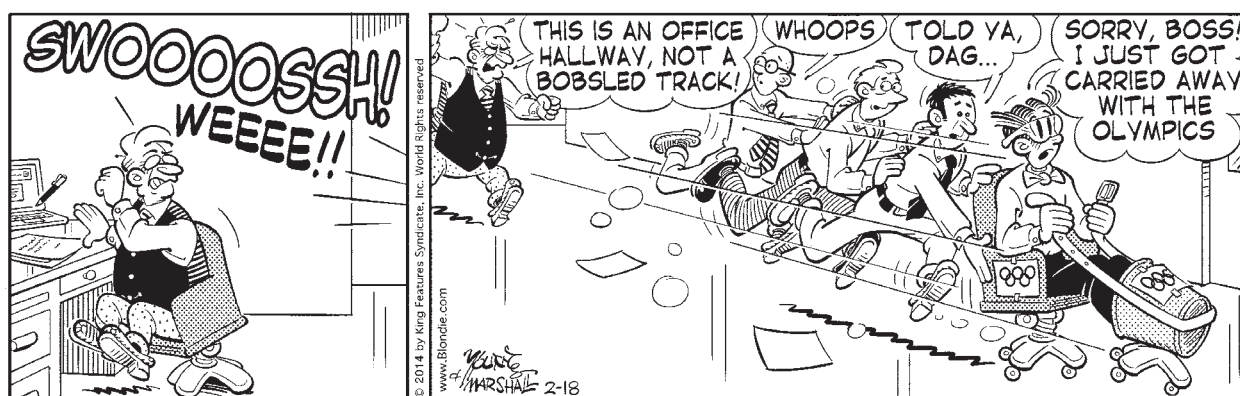
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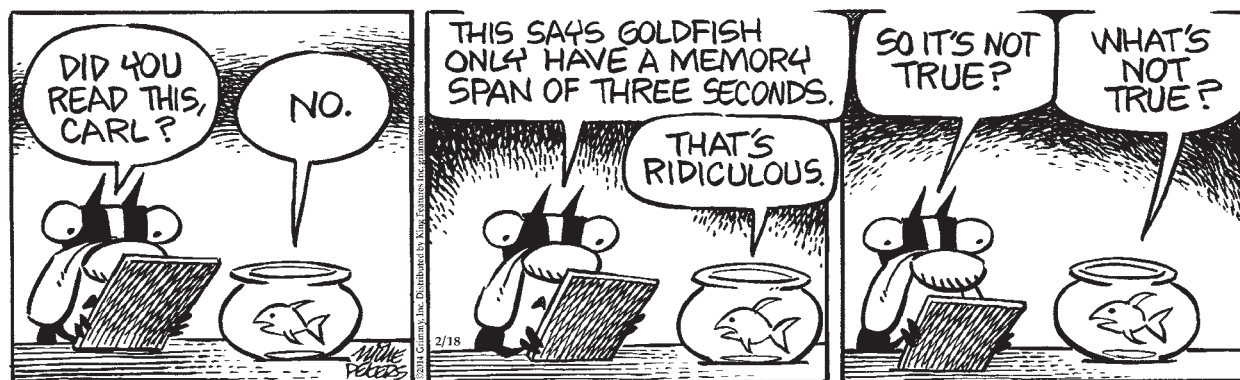
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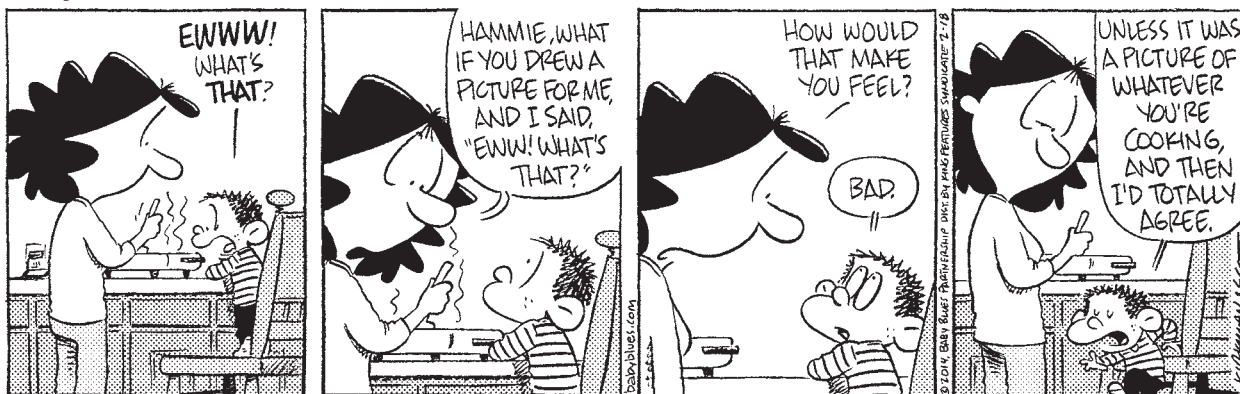
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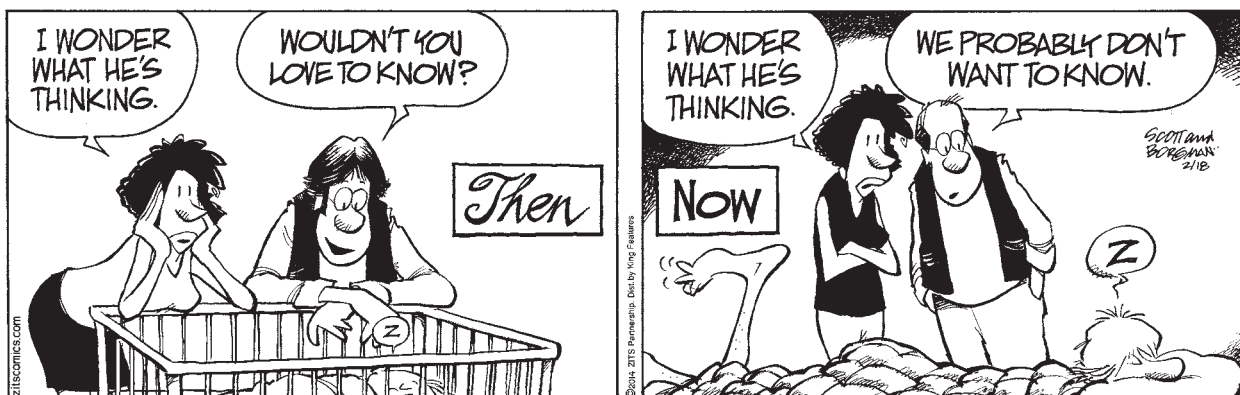
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**Conceptis Sudoku**

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

1	6	2	7	4	8	9	5	3
8	5	9	3	6	1	2	4	7
7	4	3	5	2	9	6	1	8
9	1	7	8	5	2	4	3	6
3	2	4	6	9	7	1	8	5
5	8	6	4	1	3	7	2	9
2	3	5	1	7	6	8	9	4
6	9	8	2	3	4	5	7	1
4	7	1	9	8	5	3	6	2

**ACROSS**

- 1 Poke
- 4 Shopping \_\_\_; spending fling
- 9 Lay \_\_\_; attack verbally
- 13 "By the Time \_\_\_ to Phoenix"
- 15 Spotless
- 16 \_\_\_ and groan; complain
- 17 Trepidation
- 18 Laughs loudly
- 19 Matador's opponent
- 20 "Beat it!"
- 22 Like leaky pens
- 23 Exhausts
- 24 Unruly crowd
- 26 Sudden muscle contractions
- 29 San Francisco transport
- 34 Walking sticks
- 35 Youngster
- 36 Afternoon hour
- 37 Likelihood
- 38 Napped leather
- 39 King's errand boy
- 40 Suffix for direct or contradict
- 41 Dog's woes
- 42 Thinking clearly; sane
- 43 Most annoying
- 45 Uses rod & reel
- 46 Feasted
- 47 Plate
- 48 Bangkok native
- 51 Has \_\_\_; could be successful
- 56 BBQ favorites
- 57 Shed crocodile tears
- 58 Heroic poem
- 60 Doing nothing
- 61 Equestrian
- 62 City in Nevada
- 63 Look searchingly
- 64 One-\_\_\_ house; rambler
- 65 Make clothes

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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

BIRD	SLAPS	FLOP
USER	TEPEE	IOWA
SLAY	REENTERING	
YES	LADS	RINSE
	OBEYS	DON
ARNES	LODGER	
ROADS	PAYEE	SAG
EBBS	SLURS	STIR
AIL	STAGE	CHIDE
	NEATEN	FLIMSY
	DAM	DIANA
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REALESTATE	RICE	
CANT	EIDER	HOME
HUES	NEEDY	ONES

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**DOWN**

- 1 Peanut butter brand
- 2 Grows older
- 3 Bird's bill
- 4 Leftover bits
- 5 Trudges
- 6 \_\_\_ up on; find info about
- 7 British noble
- 8 Musical group
- 9 Drink
- 10 Person, place or thing
- 11 Discussion
- 12 "For Your Eyes \_\_\_"; 007 movie
- 14 Locks of hair
- 21 Hoover and Aswan
- 25 Ancient
- 26 Serving of ice cream
- 27 Army chaplain
- 28 Griffith and Warhol
- 29 Swindle
- 30 Assists
- 31 Team director
- 32 Actress \_\_\_ Dickinson
- 33 Marsh grasses

- 35 Hints to actors
- 38 Slumberers
- 39 More aggressive
- 41 In good shape
- 42 Shopper's paper
- 44 Type of roll
- 45 Elegant apparel
- 47 Dissuade
- 48 Stumble
- 49 Conceal
- 50 Up to the task
- 52 Leave out
- 53 Hustle & bustle
- 54 Primates
- 55 Queue
- 59 Dairy animal



## Nest Labs disables feature on smoke alarms



The Nest smoke and carbon monoxide alarm is shown at the company's offices, in Palo Alto, Calif. (AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The high-tech home monitoring device company Nest Labs is disabling a feature on its smoke alarms due to the risk that owners could unintentionally turn off the device with the wave of a hand.

Nest was acquired this year by Google Inc. for \$3.2 billion.

Nest developed technology which it calls the Nest Wave that allows owners to turn off the Nest Protect: Smoke + Carbon Monoxide alarm at a distance, among other things.

Founder and CEO Tony Fadell said on the company's website, however, that a "unique combination of circumstances" could delay an alarm going off in the event of a real fire.

The Nest Protect costs about \$130. In comparison, other smoke and carbon monoxide detectors typically range between \$50 and \$80.

Fadell said that concerns about the product were raised during lab testing, and that there are no known instances in which customers have deactivated their alarm unintentionally.

Consumers with a Nest Protect connected to a Nest account with Wi-Fi will automatically have Nest Wave disabled within 24 hours. No action needs to be taken and their smoke alarm will continue to work.

Those with a Nest Protect not connected to a company account should immediately connect to their Nest account so the company can remotely disable Nest Wave.

For individuals with a Nest Protect not connected to an account and that don't have access to Wi-Fi, Nest recommends that they immediately stop using the alarm and contact the company for a complete refund. □

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# It's about time: New atomic clock is more accurate

**BOULDER, Colorado (AP)** — Good news for people who are sticklers for punctuality: The National Institute of Standards and Technology has a new atomic clock that isn't supposed to gain or lose a second in roughly 300 million years. The new clock was launched Thursday. It's located at the institute's Boulder center. The clock is the nation's civilian time standard. The U.S. Naval Observatory maintains military time. The new clock, called NIST F-2, is about three times more accurate than the old one, called NIST F-1, the Boulder Daily Camera reported. The institute plans to operate both for a while and use comparisons to improve them. Banks, computer networks and others use the atomic clock to synchronize their own. The institute's radio broadcasts are used to update about 50 million timekeepers daily. Its Internet service gets about 8 billion automated synchronization re-

quests a day. "Nothing here is going to change the way we live tomorrow, in terms of having a three-times-more-accurate clock," said physicist Steven Jefferts, lead designer of the new clock. "But these technologies keep getting adopted for use in our society, so we have to keep inventing things to make them work better." Both clocks use cesium atoms to determine the exact length of a second. They measure the frequency of a particular transition in the cesium atom — which is more than 9.1 billion vibrations per second — and use it to define one second. One key difference is that the old clock operates at about 80 degrees Fahrenheit (26.6 Celsius) while the atoms in the new clock are kept at about minus 316 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 193 Celsius). That cooling significantly lowers the background radiation and reduces some tiny measurement errors in the old clock. □



## 11 ancient burial boxes recovered in Israel

**JON GERBERG Associated Press JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israeli authorities on Monday unveiled 11 ancient burial boxes dating to around the time of Jesus, recovered by police during a midnight raid on antiquities dealers suspected of stealing the artifacts. The boxes include a pair of ossuaries believed to contain the remains of two noblemen who lived in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago. Some are engraved with designs and even names, giving clues to their origin and contents. The boxes contain bone fragments and remnants of what experts say is pottery buried with the deceased. Israel's Antiquities Authority said the boxes were recovered last Friday, shortly after midnight, when police observed two cars parked suspiciously at a military checkpoint on the outskirts of Jerusalem. When they investigated, they found

four people involved in an exchange of the boxes. Once police recovered the items, they alerted the authority. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the boxes were "stolen from a cave" near Jerusalem with the intent of being sold to collectors. He said authorities had been tracking the suspects for some time but would not elaborate. The exchange involved an Israeli and a Palestinian seller attempting to make the sale to an Israeli customer, he said. According to Israeli antiquities law, all antiquities that are discovered are considered property of the state. Two of the suspects remained in custody on Monday, and the others were under house arrest, according to the authority. The boxes, known as ossuaries, are believed to date back to the Second Temple Period, a time stretching from roughly 515 B.C. to 70 A.D. that included

the reign of King Herod, who built some of the most famous sites in Jerusalem and the Holy Land, and the time of Jesus. Not unlike today, the Jerusalem of the time was a place of strong religious divisions, multiple languages and a diverse economy. Visitors made pilgrimages from far and wide, bringing with them commerce and traffic on religious holidays. According to common Jewish burial practices of the time, the deceased were not buried but laid out in a cave for one year. Afterward, the bones were gathered and stored in the special boxes. "It's kind of like where the deceased go to retire," said Stephen Pfann, president of the University of the Holy Land. Pfann noted that the use of these burial boxes developed at the time partly to condense the space needed once the corpse had turned to bones and partly because of the difficulty of finding space for a tomb in Jerusalem's hard bedrock. Some of the newly recovered boxes feature elaborate engravings, indicating wealth and a high social status of the deceased. "It was an expense to cut a tomb at all," said Pfann. "It definitely took a certain amount of wealth." □

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# How Drew Barrymore's life changed as a new mom

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — As a new mom, Drew Barrymore felt she might sacrifice her famous free-spirited nature for the safety of her 15-month-old daughter.

"I try to have a sense of humor about how... (much) you need to learn and tackle," she said, "and how to remain fun-loving and not, like, uptight because there's so much to care about and to learn about." Though becoming a parent is "the greatest thing I've ever done in my life," Barrymore says it's brought a new level of anxiety.

"I've never been so worried in my life about making sure that something I care about more than I've ever cared in my life is safe and intact," she said.

That's why the 39-year-old — who is expecting her second daughter with husband Will Kopelman any day now — is joining other famous families at Safe Kids Day, an educational play-date that raises funds and awareness of preventable childhood injuries.

Gwen Stefani and Gavin

Rossdale, Mark Wahlberg, Piers Morgan, Kelsey Grammer and Ciara are among the celebrities expected at the Los Angeles event Saturday. A second Safe Kids Day is set for April 12 in New York.

Preventable injury is the No. 1 killer of children in the United States, said Kate Carr, president and chief executive of Safe Kids Worldwide, a nonprofit that aims to educate parents and caregivers about safe practices for infants and toddlers.

The organization's website offers tips to avoid common crib, car seat and household dangers.

Barrymore has become a student of such information, which she also collects from other moms and her pediatrician.

"I think the best thing to do in life, or certainly what I've done in my life, not really having a traditional family (background), is you find the enlightened people," she said. "If you do your homework and really apply yourself... that's a way to absolve the fears and get proactive."



In this Jan. 14, 2014 file photo, Drew Barrymore arrives at the Chanel Dinner celebrating the release of Drew Barrymore's new book "Find It In Everything" at the Chanel Boutique in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Arming herself with information allows her to be "free and fun-loving as a parent." The actress, photographer and founder

of Flower Films and Flower Beauty has also shifted her work priorities around her family.

"It used to be work first and

now it's life first," she said. "So even though I'm doing a lot, there's a lot of things that have slowed down. I don't make that many movies anymore.

I'm not really producing right now.

And I'm trying to do jobs where I can work from home or be at home by dinnertime if I do have to go out to meetings. You just sort of change your life."

Her latest products are also more family-friendly, like her upcoming film with Adam Sandler, "Blended," and her recent photo book, "Find It In Everything," which she dedicated to daughter Olive.

Barrymore is excited about Safe Kids Day, though an early arrival by her new baby could interrupt the festivities.

"I still have two weeks, but we'll see," she said. "It keeps it interesting!" □

## Lancome taps Lupita Nyong'o as new face

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The fashion and beauty industry's love affair with Lupita Nyong'o continues: The Oscar winner has been named the new face for Lancome.

The Mexican-born Kenyan will be the first black ambassador for the brand, which features Julia Roberts, Kate Winslet, Penelope Cruz and Lily Collins as spokeswomen. In a statement Friday, Nyong'o said she was proud to represent Lancome, adding "beauty should not be dictated, but should instead be an expression of a woman's freedom to be herself."

It's the first major endorsement deal for the 31-year-old, who won the best-supporting Oscar for her role in "12 Years a Slave." Her striking beauty and fashion



Lupita Nyong'o arrives at LoveGold Honors Academy Nominee Lupita Nyong'o on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014 in West Hollywood, Calif.

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sense made her the It Girl for the Hollywood awards season.

Lancome ads featuring Nyong'o will start appearing this summer. □

**EUGENE, Oregon (AP)** —

Brittany Murphy's final movie opens Friday in Eugene before going on a limited run.

The actress died at age 32 in December 2009. That year she worked on a psychological thriller called "Something Wicked," and much of it was filmed in Eugene and nearby.

The movie made for nearly \$5 million failed to get a distribution deal with the large studios. But producer and local businessman Scott Chambers told The Register-Guard that Regal Cinemas is giving the film a test run in Seattle, Portland, Alaska and Idaho over the next month before deciding whether to take it nationally.

Crews filmed at nearly 30 Oregon locations over a 40-day span in 2009. It's been sitting on the shelf since then for several reasons, Chambers said.

"The biggest was how to



In this June 27, 2005 file photo, actress Brittany Murphy arrives to launch the summer sale of the Harrods department store in central London.

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deal with the death of the lead actress Brittany Murphy," Chambers said.

Murphy, star of films such as "Clueless" and "8 Mile," died from pneumonia, anemia and multiple drug intoxication, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

"In post-production there's

voiceover work to fix lines, special effects work. It was a complicated matter to handle that," Chambers said. "Once all that was completed, we were looking at every aspect of the film knowing it was her last to make sure we were spending the right amount of time on it." □

## Brittany Murphy's last film gets 4-state test run



# Hasbro picks 5 'house rules' for new Monopoly set

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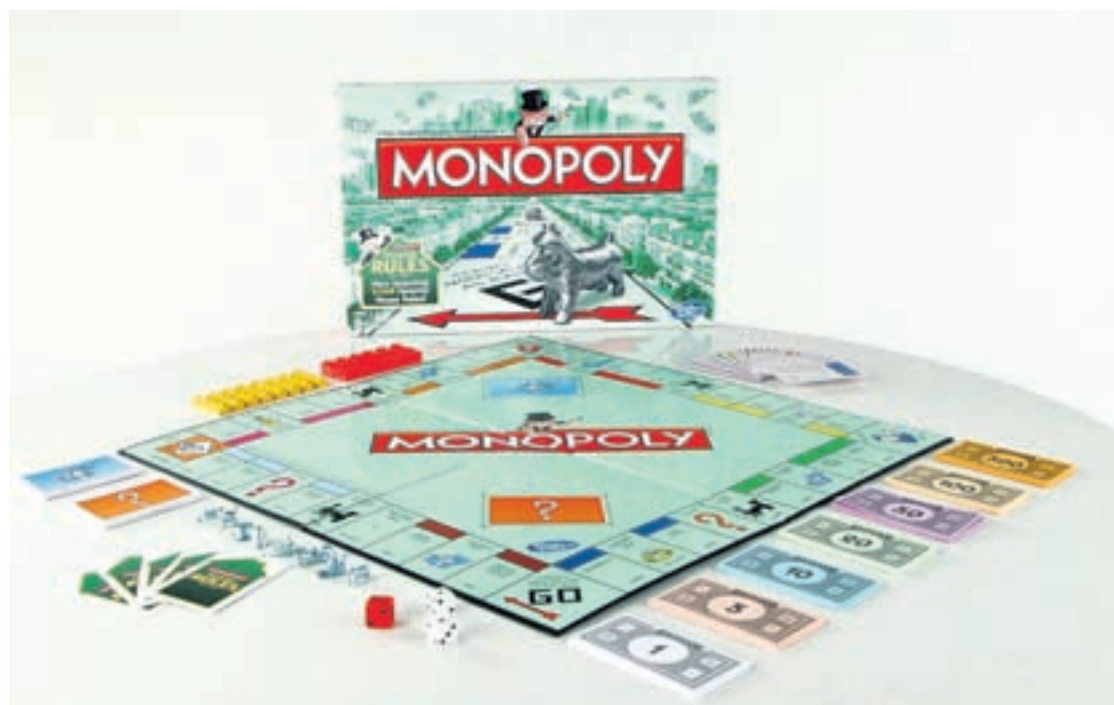
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — No rent collection while in jail, double the dough for landing on Go and clean out Free Parking if your luck takes you there are among five made-up Monopoly rules Facebook fans voted in for future editions of the board game. Several thousand people weighed in on "house rules" over 10 days of recent debate and a year after Hasbro Inc. added a cat token and retired the iron in a similar online stunt aimed at keeping the 79-year-old game fresh. "Our goal is to stay current and deliver Monopoly in a way that they want to engage with it and that means sometimes being new and having modern takes on the brand," said Jonathan Berkowitz, vice president of marketing, ahead of Friday's house rules announcement.

New means old all over again in this case since house rules are often passed on through generations. Some casual players may have thought a few of the 10 in the running before debate ended Thursday were already in the official rule book. And some, even regular players, might not have heard of others.

Did you know some people play that moms get out of jail for free? Always. No questions asked. That one didn't make the cut. Nor did buying houses for a property without an actual monopoly (a complete color set of properties), or starting the game by placing half of all the money on the game board for a cash-grabbing free-for-all on the count of three.

Hasbro's house rules debate came after the company received results of a survey showing nearly 70



This product image provided by Hasbro, shows the board game Monopoly. Hasbro has released a limited "house rules" edition of the popular board game. Associated Press

percent of 1,000 respondents reported never having read all Monopoly rules and 34 percent said they had made up rules more than once. The winning house rule for landing on Go means players get 400 Monopoly dollars instead of the official 200. As for Free Parking, official rules call for absolutely nothing to happen when a player lands there. Under the house rule, any taxes and

fees collected are thrown into the middle for a lucky someone who lands on that corner square. Rounding out the five winners are players must travel around the board one full time before they can begin buying properties, and collecting 500 bucks for rolling double ones. To appease hardcore players not interested in new rules, the Pawtucket, R.I., company will put

the winners into a special House Rules Edition to be released in the fall and add them to classic Monopoly's game guide next year as unofficial. "There are a lot of Monopoly purists who want to play by the classic rules and don't want to change it, but we love the idea of there being some optional rules in there that can mix up the game a little bit," Berkowitz said. □

## M.I.A., Janelle Monae perform hologram duet

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**(AP)** — Singers M.I.A. and Janelle Monae shared the stage during separate concerts on opposite coasts through the magic of holograms.

M.I.A. performed in New York with a 3-D projection of Monae Thursday night while Monae sang on the West Coast with M.I.A.'s likeness.

Both artists have ideas for how they might use performance holograms beyond their bi-coastal duet, which was sponsored by Audi to launch its A3 model.

The high-tech duet required more advanced 3-D projection and video mapping technology than Tupac Shakur's hologram debut at the annual Coachella music festival in 2012. M.I.A. and Monae performed together in person to help create the holograms, but each saw the results for the first time on-



Janelle Monae performs during a launch party for the Audi M3 on Thursday, April 3, 2014 in West Hollywood, Calif.

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stage.

"I wish I were in the audience because I'm sure it looked cooler from the audience, but it felt great," Monae said after closing her 40-minute set at Quixote Studios by singing with a hologram. "I felt M.I.A.'s spirit up there."

A life-size hologram of the British rapper joined Monae onstage with an original addition to her song

"Q.U.E.E.N." Wearing a spangled top and pants reminiscent of C-3PO, M.I.A. appeared to dance and sing, her image at times bathed in colored lights. Monae's hologram sang a verse of M.I.A.'s "Bad Girls" with her at New York's SIR Stage 37.

Neither artist got to see what their own hologram looked like ("I'm going to go online and see if I could

see it," Monae confessed), but both said they'd try the technology again.

"I think if you can have artists be a hologram and you can access it, and you have them life-size, in your house, it could be kind of cool," M.I.A. said by phone. "It's definitely cool for us and it's cool for me. I could be in 10 places at once."

The technology has been prohibitively expensive and cumbersome to use on tour, she said: "I hope they get it together to the point that it's accessible." If so, Monae has some ideas about how to apply it.

"I'd be honored to experiment more with holograms and maybe make a whole band — but I love my band, I wouldn't want them to be holograms," she said. "I would do some experimenting with different versions of myself, playing different instruments." Not that either artist has

the time to go hologram crazy. Both are touring in support of albums released last fall: M.I.A.'s "Matangi" and Monae's "Electric Lady." Monae also contributes the theme song to the upcoming animated film "Rio 2," and covered David Bowie's "Heroes" for a Pepsi global ad campaign. M.I.A. is busy with her fashion collection for Versace and her ongoing snarl with the National Football League, which is seeking \$16 million from the singer on claims that she ruined the league's reputation when she stuck out her middle finger during a halftime performance with Madonna two years ago. M.I.A. has been vocal about the NFL issue on Twitter but when this reporter asked where things stand, a publicist interjected, saying, "That is one topic we cannot cover during this interview, unfortunately." Maybe her hologram would like to answer? □



## Party All the Time



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Over the last several decades, the United States has adopted a series of campaign finance reform laws. If these laws were designed to reduce the power of money in politics, they have failed. Spending on political campaigns has exploded. Washington booms with masses of lobbyists and consultants.

But campaign finance laws weren't merely designed to take money out of politics; they were designed to protect incumbents from political defeat. In this regard, the laws have been fantastically successful.

The laws rigged the system to make it harder for challengers to raise money. In 1972, at about the time the Federal Election Campaign Act was first passed, incumbents had a campaign spending advantage over challengers of about 3-to-2. These days, incumbents have a spending advantage of at least 4-to-1. In some election years, 98 percent of the incumbents are swept back into office.

One of the ways incumbents secured this advantage is by weakening the power of the parties. They imposed caps on how much donors can give to parties and how much parties can give directly to candidates. By 2008, direct party contributions to Senate candidates accounted for only 0.18 percent of total spending.

The members of Congress did this because an unregulated party can direct large amounts of money to knock off an incumbent of the opposing party. By restricting parties, incumbents defanged a potent foe.

These laws pushed us from a party-centric campaign system to a candidate-centric system. This change has made life less pleasant for lawmakers but it has made their jobs more secure, and they have been willing to accept this trade-off.

Life is less pleasant because with the parties weakened, lawmakers have to do many campaign tasks on their own. They have to do their own fundraising and their own kissing up to special interests. They have to hire consultants to do the messaging tasks that parties used to do.

But incumbents accept this because the candidate-centric system makes life miserable for challengers. With direct contributions severely limited and parties defanged, challengers find it hard to quickly build the vast network of donors they need to raise serious cash. High-quality challengers

choose not to run because they don't want to spend their lives begging for dough.

The shift to a candidate-centric system was horrifically anti-democratic. It pushed money from transparent, tightly regulated parties to the shadowy world of PACs and 527s. It weakened party leaders, who have to think about building broad national coalitions, and gave power to special interests.

Then came the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, which managed to make everything even worse. It moved us from a candidate-centric system to a donor-centric system. Donors were unleashed to create their own opaque yet torrential money flows outside both parties and candidates. This created an explosion in the number of groups with veto power over legislation and reform. It polarized politics further, because donors tend to be more extreme than politicians or voters. The candidate-centric system empowered special interests; the donor-centric system makes them practically invincible. Then along came the Supreme Court's McCutcheon decision this week. It has been greeted with cries of horror because it may increase the amount of money in politics. But this is the wrong metric. There will always be money in politics; it's a pipe dream to think otherwise. The crucial question is where is the money flowing.

The McCutcheon decision is a rare win for the parties. It enables party establishments to claw back some of the power that has flowed to donors and super PACs. It effectively raises the limits on what party establishments can solicit. It gives party leaders the chance to form joint fundraising committees they can use to marshal large pools of cash and influence. McCutcheon is a small step back toward a party-centric system.

In their book "Better Parties, Better Government," Peter J. Wallison and Joel M. Gora propose the best way to reform campaign finance: eliminate the restrictions on political parties to finance the campaigns of their candidates; loosen the limitations on giving to parties; keep the limits on giving to PACs.

Parties are not perfect, Lord knows. But they have broad national outlooks. They foster coalition thinking. They are relatively transparent. They are accountable to voters. They ally with special interests, but they transcend the influence of any one. Strengthened parties will make races more competitive and democracy more legitimate. Strong parties mobilize volunteers and activists and broaden political participation. Unlike super PACs, parties welcome large numbers of people into the political process.

Since the Progressive Era, campaign reformers have intuitively distrusted parties. These reformers seem driven by a naïve hope that they can avoid any visible concentration of power. But their approach to reform has manifestly failed. By restricting parties, they just concentrated power in ways that are much worse. □



## Rube Goldberg Survives



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Holy 7 million, Batman! The Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, has made a stunning comeback from its shambolic start. As the March 31 deadline for 2014 coverage approached, there was a surge in applications at the "exchanges" - the special insurance marketplaces the law set up. And the original target of 7 million sign-ups, widely dismissed as unattainable, has been surpassed.

But what does it mean? That depends on whether you ask the law's opponents or its supporters. You see, the opponents think that it means a lot, while the law's supporters are being very cautious. And, in this one case, the enemies of health reform are right. This is a very big deal indeed.

Of course, you don't find many Obamacare opponents admitting outright that 7.1 million and counting sign-ups is a huge victory for reform. But their reaction to the results - It's a fraud! They're cooking the books! - tells the tale. Conservative thinking and Republican political strategy were based entirely on the assumption that it would always be October, that Obamacare's rollout would be an unremitting tale of disaster. They have no idea what to do now that it's turning into a success story.

So why are many reform supporters being diffident, telling us not to read too much into the figures? Well, at a technical level they're

right: The precise number of sign-ups doesn't matter much for the functioning of the law, and there may still be many problems despite the March surge. But I'd argue that they're missing the forest for the trees.

The crucial thing to understand about the Affordable Care Act is that it's a Rube Goldberg device, a complicated way to do something inherently simple. The biggest risk to reform has always been that the scheme would founder on its complexity. And now we know that this won't happen.

Remember, giving everyone health insurance doesn't have to be hard; you can just do it with a government-run program. Not only do many other advanced countries have "single-payer," government-provided health insurance, but we ourselves have such a program - Medicare - for older Americans. If it had been politically possible, extending Medicare to everyone would have been technically easy.

But it wasn't politically possible, for a couple of reasons. One was the power of the insurance industry, which couldn't be cut out of the loop if you wanted health reform this decade. Another was the fact that the 170 million Americans receiving health insurance through employers are generally satisfied with their coverage, and any plan replacing that coverage with something new and unknown was a nonstarter.

So health reform had to be run largely through private insurers and be an add-on to the existing system rather than a complete replacement. And, as a result, it had to be somewhat complex.

Now, the complexity shouldn't be exaggerated: The basics of reform only take a few minutes to explain. And it has to be as complicated as it is. There's a reason Republicans keep defaulting on their promise to propose an alternative to the Affordable Care

Act: All the main elements of Obamacare, including the subsidies and the much-attacked individual mandate, are essential if you want to cover the uninsured. Nonetheless, the Obama administration created a system in which people don't simply receive a letter from the federal government saying "Congratulations, you are now covered." Instead, people must go online or make a phone call and choose from a number of options, in which the cost of insurance depends on a calculation that includes varying subsidies and so on. It's a system in which many things can go wrong; the nightmare scenario has always been that conservatives would seize on technical problems to discredit health reform as a whole. And last fall that nightmare seemed to be coming true. But the nightmare is over. It has long been clear, to anyone willing to study the issue, that the overall structure of Obamacare made sense given the political constraints. Now we know that the technical details can be managed, too. This thing is going to work.

And, yes, it's also a big political victory for Democrats. They can point to a system that is already providing vital aid to millions of Americans, and Republicans - who were planning to run against a debacle - have nothing to offer in response. And I mean nothing. So far, not one of the supposed Obamacare horror stories featured in attack ads has stood up to scrutiny.

So my advice to reform supporters is, go ahead and celebrate. Oh, and feel free to ridicule right-wingers who confidently predicted doom.

Clearly, there's a lot of work ahead, and we can count on the news media to play up every hitch and glitch as if it were an existential disaster. But Rube Goldberg has survived; health reform has won. □



# The Web's grumpiest cat has hit her terrible twos

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Watch out world, Grumpy Cat has hit her terrible twos. The top dog in Internet

cat stardom, known for her downward smile and bugged-out baby blues, spent her birthday Friday touring New York City with an entourage worthy of

Hollywood.

And Hollywood is where the funny-looking feline is bound, with a movie project in the works to add to her pile of endorsements and licensing deals that include her scowling face on limited-edition bags of Friskies Party Mix treats and her own line of "Grumpuccino" bottled coffee drinks.

So who will voice the cat we love to caption? Grumpy's not saying, nor are her humans, the brother-sister team of Tabatha and Bryan Bundesen.

With her own agent, YouTube videos that have racked up millions of hits, T-shirts, calendars and a best-selling book available in 14 languages, exactly how much is this cat worth? "The business is doing very well," Bryan laughed. "Grumpy doesn't like to discuss specifics."

The humans, to be sure, are more than a little grateful. "We both were blue-collar people," Bryan said — he a cable company lineman in Ohio and she a server at a Red Lobster near her

home in Morristown, Ariz. "It has changed our lives. It's been a blessing. We're very thankful for it."

The grump's real name is Tardar Sauce, so dubbed (and misspelled) by Tabatha's now 12-year-old daughter, Chyrstal, soon after their female pet calico gave birth to her and three siblings. The cat was tiny and is still petite, a victim of feline dwarfism, and wobbles a bit when she walks due to elongated rear legs that have only added to her popularity.

"She looks like a snowshoe Siamese is what we're told most," Bryan offers. "We've had some nice comments from people about it being nice that the spotlight's on a cat that's unique and has feline dwarfism."

A lot of people are happy that it kind of spreads the message that it's OK to be different. She's also such a happy cat."

Grumpy is happy and extremely chill, with a reputation for falling asleep during interviews and seeking out dark corners to hide in.

If it hadn't been for Bryan

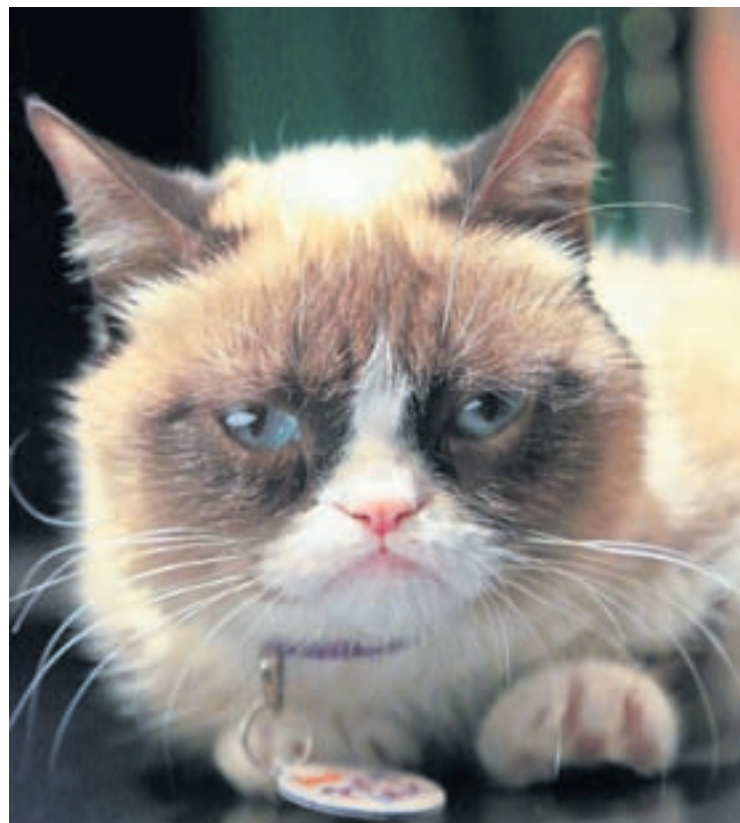
slapping her photos on Reddit in late 2012, then following up with videos after their authenticity was questioned, Tardar might never have become a phenom. "People said her face was Photoshopped," he said, so they took to YouTube to prove otherwise, earning about 1.5 million views overnight.

Now, Grumpy's YouTube channel has over 25 million views and 200,000 subscribers, with some wondering in comment threads whether the cat's calmness might be of the medicinal variety. "It is absolutely unheard of to even think of drug-ging this kitty," Tabatha debunked.

While Grumpy has cashed in on Internet stardom, the field is far more crowded today.

Any up-and-comers she has her eye on?

"There are a lot of cats on the Internet but there's no competition," a good-natured Bryan said. "She has the grumpy market cornered. All the other cats can have the happy, funny stuff." □



Grumpy Cat, an Internet celebrity cat whose real name is Tardar Sauce, is photographed on Friday April 4, 2014 in New York. Known for her facial expression, her owner Tabatha Bundesen says that Grumpy Cat's permanently grumpy-looking face is due to feline dwarfism.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

## Portraits by George W. Bush now on display

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**DALLAS (AP)** — Former President George W. Bush is displaying his portraits of world leaders in the first exhibit of his work as an artist. The portraits, which include everyone from a grim-looking Russian President Vladimir Putin to a smiling likeness of the late Czech playwright and President Vaclav Havel, are part of an exhibit opening Saturday at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas. He even did a self-portrait.

The exhibit called "The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy" runs through June 3. "I spent a lot of time on personal diplomacy and I befriended leaders and learned about their families and their likes and dislikes, to the point where I felt comfortable painting them," he said in an introductory video to the ex-

hibit.

"Painting portraits of my friends and some people who weren't necessarily my friends gave me a sense to convey a feeling I have about them because I got to know them well in the presidency," he added in the video.

Bush, who started painting in 2012, three years after leaving office, said reading an essay by the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on painting inspired him to take lessons. "I'd never lifted a brush before. I'd never been next to paint. So I gave it a whirl," he said in the introductory video. □

Accompanying many of the portraits are photographs of Bush with the leader he painted, along with gifts. On display with Bush's portrait of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is a book of Churchill's speeches that Blair gave to Bush with the inscription,

"To George, my ally and my friend."

The exhibit includes more than two dozen portraits. Other subjects include the Dalai Lama, German

Chancellor Angela Merkel and Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Bush also painted his father, George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States.

Bush, who was the 43rd president, signs his works "43." He has quipped: "I tell people that the signature on my paintings is worth more than the paintings." □



Former President George W. Bush tours his new exhibit, "The Art of Leadership: A President's Personal Diplomacy" at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum in Dallas, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Bush, who started painting in 2012, three years after leaving office, said reading an essay by the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on painting inspired him to take lessons. The exhibit runs through June 3.

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